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# PREFACE

The present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of today, noting, not in vain glory, but with an honest pride and a sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way. "The great lesson of biography," it is said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best." A noble life put fairly on record, acts like an inspiration, and no more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public.

In this volume will be found the record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extended throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk of life who have striven to succeed, and tells how success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of those who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued the even tenor of their way, content to have it said of them, as Christ said of a woman performing a deed of mercy, "They have done what they could." It tells how many, in the pride and strength of young manhood, left all, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or to die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume, and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public record, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work, and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written; and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence.

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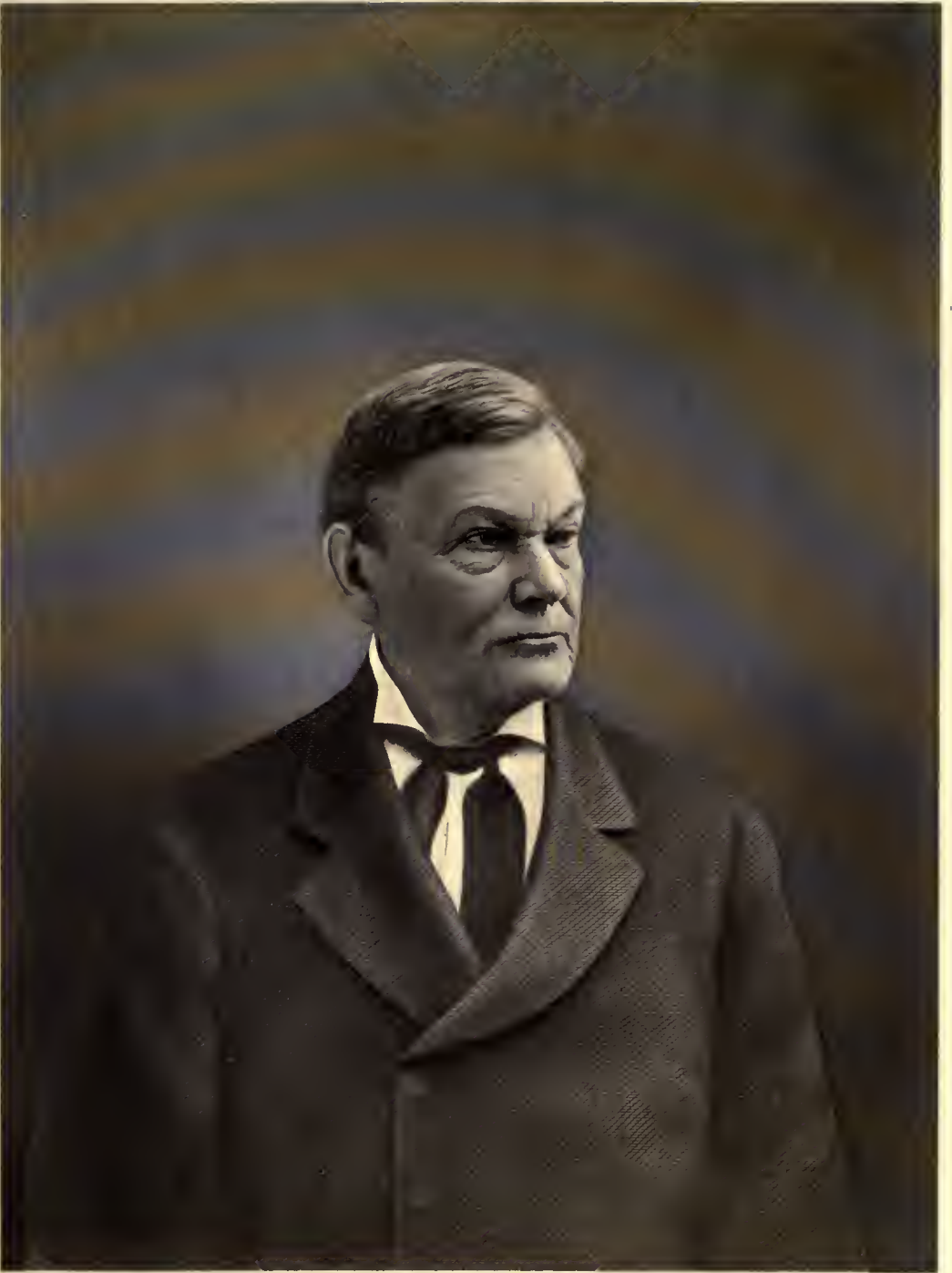
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CHARLES HAY, M. D.

For forty-three years Dr. Charles Hay was a resident of Illinois and though more than two decades have been added to the cycle of the centuries since he passed away, his name is revered and his memory cherished by all who knew him. It was not alone his skill in his profession, although he was an able medical practitioner of his day, his scholarly attainments nor the success he achieved, which gained for him the place which he occupied in the regard of his friends, but rather his sterling traits of character, his kindly spirit, his deference for the opinion of others, his loyalty to all that was right and just in man's relations with his fellowmen and his fidelity to high ideals.

The life record of Dr. Hay began on the 7th of February, 1801, in Fayette county, Kentucky. In the paternal line the family is of Scotch lineage, the ancestry being traced back to John Hay, who with his four sons emigrated from the Rhenish Palatinate to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. This John Hay was the son of a Scottish soldier

who left his own country about fifty years before and attached himself to the army of the elector Palatine. Following the arrival in the new world the brothers separated and John Hay, the eldest, became a resident of York, Pennsylvania, where, prospering in business affairs, he accumulated considerable property. He was also influential in public life and served as one of the magistrates of Pennsylvania during colonial days. Interested in the grave questions which elicited public attention prior to the Revolutionary war and advocating the cause of liberty, he filled several important offices in the organization of the patriot forces preparatory to the Revolution and when war was inaugurated he joined the military forces and won promotion to the rank of colonel. Following the establishment of the republic he represented York county in the assembly. Another brother, Adam Hay, who, like his brother John, had received military training in Europe, became a resident of Berkeley county, Virginia, and also served with some distinction in the Revolutionary war. He was a friend and associate of Washington and

one of the earliest recollections of his son, the late John Hay of Springfield, Illinois, was of meeting General Washington on a country road and hearing him greet Adam Hay as an old comrade, at the same time bestowing a friendly pat on the head of the young lad.

It was this John Hay who became the father of Dr. Charles Hay of Warsaw. His birth occurred February 13, 1779. His youth was passed in his parents' home, but the discipline of the household was somewhat stern and arbitrary, owing perhaps to the military training, as a German soldier, of the father. As he approached manhood John Hay was unwilling to endure the inflexible rules laid down by the father and resolved to establish a home and seek a fortune for himself elsewhere. This plan he announced to his father and although there was a lack of sympathy to some extent between them, that there was no positive breach is indicated by the fact that he was provided with money sufficient to enable him to take up a good piece of land in Fayette county, Kentucky, to which place he made his way. In early manhood he married Jemima Coulter and they became the parents of fourteen children, all of whom reached maturity. Three of the sons, Charles, Joseph and Theodore Hay, became physicians, while another son, Milton Hay, for many years occupied a most distinguished position at the Illinois bar. In his business affairs in Fayette county, John Hay, the father, met with gratifying success and for thirty years continued a resident of that locality, but feeling that the influence of slavery was detrimental he determined to take his family to a

region which was free from that objection and when fifty-five years of age removed to Sangamon county, Illinois, accompanied by all his children save his eldest son, Dr. Charles Hay, who had already begun the practice of medicine in Indiana.

It was the intention of John Hay to engage in the manufacture of cotton goods in Illinois and he brought with him from Kentucky the machinery and appliances necessary for the conduct of such an industry, but the business proved unprofitable and he soon concentrated his efforts upon other interests. He dealt to a greater or less extent in land and his speculations and investments in this regard brought to him a good financial return. He was the first man to sign a promissory note to the state bank which secured the erection of the old state house matters relating to the general welfare he was deeply interested and his co-operation could be counted upon to further plans and measures for the public good. His name became a synonym for integrity and honor in business affairs as well as in private life and his record was at all times in harmony with his professions as a member of the Baptist church, in the work of which he took an active and helpful part. The contemporary biographer has said, "His long white hair, his compact and powerful form, were for many years a noticeable sight in the streets of the town. He was a devoted friend of Lincoln and the death of the president affected him profoundly. He was then in failing health and for several days after the assassination he could not dis-

miss the subject from his thoughts. He forgot his ninety years and often said, 'If I had been in the box with him, that should not have happened.' He sat at the window to watch the funeral cortege which bore the martyred ruler to his grave and then went to his own rest, May 20, 1865, in the ninety-first year of his age."

Dr. Charles Hay, the eldest son of John Hay, spent his childhood and youth in Kentucky upon the old plantation which his father there developed. He was provided with the best educational privileges that the state afforded and his aptitude in his studies was ever a marvel to his teachers, who it is said could hardly be convinced that he was not playing a practical joke upon them when they saw him learning his alphabet one day and reading with facility a fortnight later. He quickly mastered the branches of learning taught in the common schools, after which he continued his studies in a classical school at Lexington, where he made the same easy progress in Latin and Greek. He never allowed his knowledge of those tongues to lapse with the passing of the years and the assistance which he rendered to his children in the reading of Homer and Virgil later made for them an intellectual pastime of what otherwise would perhaps have been a dreaded school task. He was always a man of scholarly tastes and habits, his reading covering a wide range and his assimilation of knowledge being such as to render him a pleasing and entertaining companion of men of widest thought and culture. His choice of the practice of medicine as a life work was followed

by preliminary reading under the direction of Dr. William H. Richardson and later of Dr. Dudley and others who were prominent in the medical fraternity in Kentucky at that day. His collegiate training was received in the medical department of Transylvania University, the most important institution of learning in the west and when his graduation won him the degree of M. D. he located for practice in Salem, Indiana, where for ten years he followed his profession with uniform success.

It was during his residence in Salem that Dr. Hay was married in October, 1831 to Miss Helen Leonard. She was a daughter of the Rev. David A. Leonard, of Bristol, Rhode Island, whose erudition and oratorical power won him wide fame at the beginning of the nineteenth century. He was a graduate of Brown University of the class of 1793 and was class poet. Entering upon the active work of the ministry, he became pastor of the First Baptist church in Gold street in New York city and in 1817 removed to the west, purchasing a large tract of land on the Ohio river. His death occurred two years later. He had wedded Mary Pierce and to them had been born thirteen children. Among this number was a daughter, Evelyn, who became the wife of John Hay Farnham, whose acquaintance Dr. Hay formed during his residence in Salem and this brought to him the acquaintance of Helen Leonard, whom he afterward made his wife. Other members of the Leonard family were: Charlotte, who married William P. Thomasson, who represented the Louisville district of Kentucky in con-

gress; Sarah, the wife of Governor David Meriwether, who was a prominent rival of Mr. Thomasson as leaders in the whig and democratic parties of Kentucky; and Cornelia, the wife of William N. Grover, afterward United States district attorney for Missouri.

Following their marriage Dr. and Mrs. Hay established their home in Salem, Indiana, and the young physician soon won a large practice, his position in public regard being fully established through the energy and devotion with which he combatted an epidemic of cholera in 1833, which carried off both Mr. and Mrs. Farnham. For weeks together Dr. Hay took little time for either sleep or food, but gave his attention untiringly to the work of checking the ravages of the dread disease. From that time forward he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice in Salem and became recognized moreover as one of the local leaders in the whig party and was induced to become the editor of a weekly whig paper in Salem, which he conducted for several years, making it one of the strongest organs of that political organization in Indiana. His kindness of heart brought him into financial ruin through securities which he signed for friends and with the hope of retrieving his lost possessions he removed from Salem to Warsaw, Illinois, in 1841. Until death claimed him he continued an honored resident of this city, his life being actuated by honorable and benevolent principles and filled with good deeds. His professional capability was soon recognized and brought him a large and important practice. Warsaw at that time was situated in what was

largely a pioneer district and the practice of a physician was in consequence fraught with many hardships incident to the long rides which it was necessary to take through the hot summer sun or the winter's cold in order to administer to the needs of patients far removed from his home. He was engaged in practice here during one of the most notable epochs in the history of this city. From the east had come a colony of people known as Mormons. Their belief in and practice of polygamy was so distasteful to the residents of Hancock county that they arose in their wrath to drive the new sect out of the district and a bitter warfare arose between the Mormon people and their opponents. The roads were infested with bands of lawless persons on both sides, a large number of houses were burned and many persons shot from the ambush of the woods. Dr. Hay's friends, fearing for his life, urged him to give up his country practice, but this he refused to do, merely purchasing a faster horse and continuing his work on either side of the hostile lines. He was often stopped but never otherwise molested, although he was known to be inflexibly opposed to the Mormon people and practices. However, he stood for justice and right and was ever found on the side of law and order and protested vigorously but ineffectually against the march to Nauvoo which resulted in the death of Joseph and Hiram Smith, brothers, who were prophet leaders among the Mormons.

In his practice Dr. Hay met with success. He was a student of any subject or theory which seemed to bear upon his professional work and eagerly embraced



every advanced idea that he believed would promote his efficiency and enable him to give more capable service to his fellowmen in checking the ravages of disease and restoring health. A broad humanitarian spirit was ever the basis of his professional work and yet he was not without that laudable ambition for achieving success, that he might provide well for his family, and as his financial resources increased he from time to time made judicious investments in real estate which added to his prosperity. His farms, however, did not bring him the profit which would have accrued to many men who look upon the proposition only from the business standpoint. It is said that Dr. Hay regarded his tenants somewhat as if they were his children or his wards and he looked first to their interests rather than to the financial benefits that he might receive from their labors. However, the normal man always has appreciation for nature and Dr. Hay greatly enjoyed riding out to his farms and watching the growth of the crops. His was a well-rounded nature. He never concentrated his energies and efforts so closely upon one line of thought or action as to become abnormally developed. The study of nature, his professional service, his deep interest in his fellowmen, shared with his books in his attention. He passed many of his most pleasant hours in communion with the strong and cultured minds of the past, the essay, history and natural science being the principal themes which claimed his attention. The welfare and progress of his adopted city was ever a matter of deep and intense interest to him and he was particularly

helpful along lines of intellectual progress and advancement. The public-school system received his most earnest endorsement and he co-operated to the full extent of his powers in the work of upholding the standard of education and introducing improved methods of instruction. The school teachers recognized that they had no stancher friend in all Warsaw than Dr. Hay and a word of encouragement and appreciation was to them often an inspiration that enabled them to put forth further effective effort for the public schools. He was instrumental in establishing a free public library in Warsaw and was for many years president of the library board. He held a prominent place in all the associations for the improvement of agriculture, horticulture and other important interests of the county and in local religious and charitable organizations. His endorsement of such movements was not that of words alone, for he was an active co-operant in all plans for public progress and improvement and considered no task too unimportant to claim his best efforts if it proved a factor in the result for which they were striving.

As the years passed there were added to the family of Dr. and Mrs. Hay six children, of whom the eldest, Edward Leonard, died in infancy. Leonard Augustus Hay, the second son, retired army officer, died in Warsaw, November 12, 1904. Mary Pierce is the widow of Major Austin Coleman Woolfolk, A. Q. M., United States army and afterward a circuit judge in Minnesota. John Hay rose to national prominence, his last public work being as secretary of state under

President Roosevelt. Charles Edward, captain of the Third Cavalry, United States army, and afterward twice elected mayor of Springfield, Illinois, is the only surviving son. Helen became the wife of Harwood Otis Whitney and died in 1873. The death of this daughter came to Dr. and Mrs. Hay as their greatest bereavement. "Her bright, sunny temper, her witty and original conversation, her devotion to those she loved and her absolute unselfishness,—qualities which she seemed to derive with her name from her mother,—made her the idol of her home." The lives of Dr. and Mrs. Hay were bound up in their children and as Dr. Hay expressed it, no personal distinction for himself could bring him the joy that could come to him through the intelligence, honor and thrift of his children. No personal sacrifice on the part of the parents was considered too great if it would promote the welfare of their sons and daughters. They felt that no economy must be practiced for their education and there was always means of providing teachers and books of the best within reach. They lived to see them attain positions of honor and distinction and the sons attributed to their early parental training much of their success in later life. In the spring of 1879, Mrs. Hay met with a serious accident, so that for many weeks it was thought that she could not recover and she was unable to walk afterward. During these days of trial Dr. Hay waited upon her with untiring patience and heroic endurance and following her convalescence became more than ever her inseparable companion. They celebrated their golden wedding in

October, 1881, having terminated fifty years of a marriage relation which in every respect reached the ideal. It was not long after this that Dr. Hay recognized that because of heart disease his own end was near. He never spoke of the matter except to his physician, Dr. Hunt, and he charged him strictly never to mention it, for he did not wish to bring one feeling of alarm or danger to his wife, his children or his grandchildren, in whom his life was wrapped up. He passed peacefully away September 18, 1884. "He walked serenely down to the gates of death with nothing of the indifference of the stoic but with the cheerful resignation of a philosopher and the loving self-sacrifice of a Christian husband and father bearing the burdens of others." He had attained the age of eighty-three years. Resolutions of respect were passed by the library board and by the cemetery board, of both of which he was a member and perhaps no better estimate of his life work and of his character can be given than by quoting from the local papers of Warsaw, for in that city where he had so long made his home his life record was as an open book. "He soon acquired a competency by judicious investments and by his practice, from which he retired several years ago, to enjoy the leisure he had so well earned. Even in his peaceful and honored age, however, he was no idler. He preserved to his latest days the studious and scholarly habits of his youth. He read with avidity everything of interest which appeared, especially in the line of science and history. He took the greatest interest in state and municipal affairs, and

was active in every enterprise which promised to advance the cause of education and enlightenment. As in his early manhood he was never too busy to help his own children in their Greek and Latin lessons, so in his latest days he was never so indolent as to refuse his assistance to any scheme to extend to the people those benefits of sound learning which had been of so much advantage and pleasure to himself." Another publication said, "The Doctor was of the highest stamp of manhood—upright in all his dealings; unswerving in the discharge of what he believed to be his duty; kind, generous, and charitable with all men; a lover of mankind, and ever thoughtful of their welfare; strong in his convictions of the right, and true to their teachings. He was a nobleman in the true sense of the word." "In his chosen profession of medicine he was an acknowledged master; and in his devotion to his profession he had but few equals. He was courteous, kind, and considerate in his intercourse with those of like profession. In his friendship he was ardent and faithful. So long as a man was worthy, he remained his friend." The funeral services were conducted at his home by the Rev. John G. Rankin, who in his remarks said, "There has been much, especially in his latter years, to make life desirable. Having, by his diligence and frugality in the noonday of life, acquired a competency, which enabled him to free his mind from all anxiety; living among friends and neighbors with whom he had been associated for more than forty years; honored and loved by the entire community in which he had so long lived (for

Dr. Hay had no enemies); permitted to see all his children occupying honored and useful positions in life; and, perhaps, above all, receiving from his children, in their frequent visits to the home of their childhood, such love and honor and thoughtful and tender care as but too few parents receive; surely there was much in such surroundings to make life desirable, yet, as he expressed it to a friend, he had been living for years as a "minute man." He had done life's work day by day, as it was presented to his hand, and he stood ready to answer the Master's call any minute." A minute analization of the life of Dr. Hay, however, would certainly bring forth the fact that with all his love of learning, with all of his devotion to the public welfare, with all of his scientific knowledge and medical skill, his deepest interest centered in his family. The ties of home were to him sacred. He found his greatest happiness in the companionship of his wife, who survived him until the 18th of February, 1893, when she, too, passed away.

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#### CHARLES SAVAGE SHIPMAN.

Charles Savage Shipman, assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Dallas City, and well known in financial circles in this part of the county, was born August 11, 1845, in Yonkers, New York. His parents were Ralph and Marilla (Wells) Shipman, both natives of New Britain, Connecticut. Colonel Lee, the

great-grandfather of Mr. Shipman, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and the family was represented by several soldiers in the Civil war, so that the military record is a most creditable one. While living in Connecticut Mr. Shipman was owner of a brass foundry, and following his removal to Yonkers, New York, he there engaged in the conduct of a paper box factory. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and he served as one of its deacons from early manhood up to the time of his death. He died in December, 1876, while his wife passed away in 1879, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery in Yonkers, New York. In their family were five children, of whom two died in early childhood. Julius married Miss Mary Clark, made his home in Yonkers, New York, and died in 1875. His widow is still living at the very venerable age of ninety years. He was twenty years older than the subject of this review. He left four children: Mrs. Fannie Wilson, of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. Isabella Williams, of Yonkers, New York; and Walter and Albert Shipman. Ann and Jane Shipman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shipman, died in childhood. Anna E., the only surviving daughter of the family, makes her home in New Britain, Connecticut.

Charles S. Shipman, the only surviving son, was educated in the public and high schools of his native city and in a military academy at Yonkers, New York. His school life being over he assisted his father in the box factory in that city until his removal to the west in 1871, in which year he arrived in Hancock county,

Illinois. He spent the succeeding two years upon a farm, and in 1873 returned to New York, where he conducted his father's business until 1882, when he removed to Dallas City, Illinois. Here he became a clerk and a salesman in the lumberyard of his father-in-law, H. F. Black, with whom he continued for five years, when he embarked in business on his own account, and was numbered among the successful dry goods merchants of Dallas City for eight years. In 1902 he became bookkeeper and assistant cashier in the First National Bank of Dallas City, and is still acting in that capacity, being well known in financial circles here, while throughout the years of his residence here he has made a most creditable record as an enterprising business man.

On the 29th of June, 1876, Mr. Shipman was married to Miss Catherine Farnwaldt Black, a daughter of Henry Farnwaldt Black, who for many years was a prominent lumber merchant of Dallas City but is now deceased. Mrs. Shipman was born June 14, 1857, in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, was educated in Rockford Seminary, at Rockford, Illinois, and was married in Dallas City on the 29th of June, 1876. By this union there have been born three children. Ralph Wells, born August 18, 1878, attended the public schools of Dallas City, was graduated from the high school and pursued a course of study at Fort Madison, Iowa. He married Miss Letitia Nelson, of Nauvoo, Illinois, and now lives at Media, Illinois, where he is superintendent of a lumberyard for the firm of Black and Loomis. Mary Black Shipman, born August 2, 1884, is a senior in Hardin College, in

Mexico, Missouri, and was graduated from the musical conservatory in connection with that school in April, 1906. Anna Celia, born October 15, 1887, attended the same school with her sister for three years, when she became ill with typhoid fever. Her sister then brought her home and she died in Fort Madison Hospital, in December, 1905. She was buried the same day as her uncle, B. F. Black, from his late home, and was laid to rest in Dallas City cemetery. She was a beautiful, amiable and accomplished young lady and was greatly beloved by all. She held membership in the Congregational church and took an active part in church and Sunday-school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipman reside in the old Black home at the corner of Fourth and Oak streets, which was built by her father forty-eight years ago, and Mr. Shipman also has a farm at Pontoosuc, Illinois, and pasture lands in Henderson county, together with a house which he rents in Dallas City. His political support is given to the republican party and he is recognized as a prominent factor in local political circles. In 1886 he was elected mayor of Dallas City and is now serving as alderman from the second ward. He is a prominent and valued member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Woodman camp, and he and his wife are devoted members of the Congregational church, in which he is serving as deacon, while since 1889 he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. His wife has been president of the Ladies Society of the church and was organist and choir leader for years but has recently retired from this work. She belongs to

a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is an intelligent, cultured lady. Mr. Shipman is a capable business man and a respected citizen, of genial disposition and a fund of wit and humor, and the home of this couple is the center of many delightful social gatherings.

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PROF. WILLIAM K. HILL, A. M.

William K. Hill, professor of chemistry and biology at Carthage College, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1857, and is descended from an ancestry that was established in eastern Pennsylvania at an early epoch in its development, the progenitor of the family in America having come from England. John Hill, the grandfather, removed to Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and built the first school-house in the south half of the county. He employed a man to teach his children and invited the neighbors to send their children and enjoy the benefits of instruction. In the midst of the wilderness he carved out a home and his labors were of a character that contributed in marked degree to the material improvement of the community. He also built the first grist mill in his part of the county and he co-operated in many movements for the general welfare. He married a Miss Ament and their son, Salem Hill, father of our subject, was born in Armstrong county, where he was reared and educated. He followed both milling and farming and spent his

entire life in that locality. In early manhood he wedded Miss Esther Kuhns, also a native of Armstrong county, where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. In their family were seven children. The parents were devoted and active members of the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Hill served as an officer. His wife was a granddaughter of Father Michael Steck, the first Lutheran minister in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, at which time the county boundaries comprised nearly the entire western portion of the state. His daughter Esther married David Kuhns and they became the parents of Mrs. Hill. Salem Hill departed this life about ten years ago, but Mrs. Hill is still living upon the old homestead.

William K. Hill is the second in order of birth in the family. After attending the district schools he continued his studies in Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and was there graduated in the class of 1879 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while later the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him by his alma mater. Following his graduation he entered upon a course of study in Gettysburg Theological Seminary of the Lutheran church, of which he is an alumnus of the class of 1884.

In the fall of that year Professor Hill came to Carthage to accept the chair of science at Carthage College, with which he was continuously identified until 1893, when he resigned his position and for eight years thereafter was superintendent of the public schools of the city of Carthage. During that period the work of the schools were rapidly developed and improved,

Professor Hill maintaining a high standard of proficiency in all his work and inspiring his teachers and the pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. The attendance at the high school increased threefold during that period and there was a marked improvement manifested in all departments of public education in this city. In 1901 Professor Hill was re-elected to his old position in the college and since that time has filled the chair of chemistry and biology. His special work has been along the line of and study of biology of fresh water algae but his life work has been that of teaching. As an educator he has won high rank, imparting knowledge in clear, concise manner, which fails not to make a strong impression upon the minds of his pupils. He has also become known in business circles in Carthage, where for a number of years he has been director of the National Bank.

Professor Hill was married December 21, 1887, to Miss Kate Griffith, a daughter of Dr. A. J. Griffith and a graduate of Carthage College. To them have been born ten children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: Esther Margaret, William Griffith, Katharine, Robert McClaughry, Lewis Rowland, Ralph Marchand, Constance, Edward Llewellyn and Imogen. Professor and Mrs. Hill are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they take a very active and helpful part. Professor Hill has served as elder for many years and has done all in his power to advance the work of the church and extend its influence. His political views are in accord with the republican principles but

he has never been an aspirant for office. He has a beautiful home on Wabash avenue, where his well filled library and other attractive furnishings indicate the wealth of refinement and culture to be found there. Throughout his entire professional career he has remained in Carthage and his strong intellectuality and broad, scholarly attainments have made him a leader in its educational progress.

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#### GEORGE WALKER BARR.

George Walker Barr, a retired farmer of Dallas City, is one of the few residents of America who can claim the distinction of being the grandson of a Revolutionary hero. The ancestry of the family can be traced back to the year 1607, when a representative of the name settled at Jamestown, Virginia, among the first permanent residents of the new world. Adam Barr, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the Old Dominion and served throughout the Revolutionary war as a teamster. He was with the immediate command of General Washington for seven years and underwent the various hardships and privations which were heroically borne by the soldiers who fought for independence, marching at various times when his footprints were marked by blood. George W. Barr of this review can well remember when at the age of ten years he dropped corn after his grandfather Barr, who was then ninety-five years of age. Adam Barr was married

in Baltimore, Maryland, and subsequently removed to Kentucky, where he lived for many years. In his family were thirteen children, of whom four sons fought in the famous battle of New Orleans under the command of General Andrew Jackson and two of the number never returned, giving their lives in defense of their country in the second war with England.

Elias Barr, son of Adam Barr, was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, December 8, 1807, and after arriving at years of maturity was married to Sallie A. Beauchamp, whose birth occurred in Hardin county, Kentucky, December 4, 1808. She was a daughter of Jerry B. Beauchamp, who was descended from the French nobility. His parents went to England at the time of the emigration of the Huguenots because of the religious persecution in their own country and Jerry Beauchamp and his two brothers were born in England. He was a lawyer, scholar, statesman and aristocrat—one of the most distinguished residents of Kentucky at an early day. He served for eighteen years in the Kentucky senate, leaving the impress of his individuality upon the laws which were enacted at that early period and aiding in shaping the policy of the state. He was a typical Kentucky gentleman, a man of fine presence, standing six feet, four inches, in height. At one time he owned over ten thousand acres of land in Kentucky. He kept open house and delighted in the sports which were always enjoyed by the southern gentlemen. He kept fine racing horses and a pack of greyhounds and participated in many of the big hunts of the time. He

also owned a large number of slaves and on one day before the war he liberated sixty-three of his bondspeople. Something of the prodigality of the hospitality of his home may be indicated by the fact that a whole ox was roasted at the wedding of his daughter Sallie to Elias Barr. He lived to a very advanced age and when he passed away Kentucky lost one of its distinguished, representative and typical citizens—a man of the old regime who represented the aristocracy of the south.

The year 1859 witnessed the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Barr from Kentucky to Hancock county, Illinois. The father engaged in farming and stock raising on section one, Rock Creek township, owning over four hundred acres in Hancock county, and there carried on general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1875. He was a democrat in his political views and both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he also served as class leader. When he came to Illinois he owned over one thousand acres of good Kentucky land and also some of the finest horses in the United States. He was a man of enterprise, successful in his undertakings, and his wife was of great assistance to him, being trained to the work of the household as was the custom in those days. She spun and wove and capably managed the household affairs and there are several pieces of table linen in the family of George W. Barr which were woven by her. Elias Barr passed away on the 18th of July, 1875, his wife surviving for a number of years, or until the 1st of May, 1892, when she also departed this life. In their family

were twelve children: Daniel Thomas, who was born in 1831 and died in 1846; Newell Robinson, who was born in 1834 and died in 1892; Elmira A., who was born in 1836 and is the wife of John Hurdle, living near Disco, Illinois; Mary E., who was born in 1838 and is the widow of Thomas L. Ray, of Dallas township; Bluford B., who was born in 1840 and died in 1898; Kitty Ann, who was born March 5, 1842, married Sylvester T. Turney, and died in 1886; George Walker, of this review; Sarah E., who was born in 1846 and is the widow of David Wright, her home being near Disco; John Adam, who was born in 1848 and is a successful physician of Fountain Green, Illinois; Martha Jane, who was born in 1850 and is the wife of M. Bross, of Prescott, Iowa; Franklin P., who was born in 1852 and is living in Clarinda, Iowa; and Amanda M., who was born in 1856 and is the wife of Daniel Showers, of Fresno, California.

George W. Barr was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, February 25, 1844, and in his boyhood days accompanied his parents on their removal to Hancock county. He pursued his education in the district schools of this county and in Mount Vernon, Illinois, and remained with his father until twenty-five years of age, assisting in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm. Ambitious to have a farm of his own and enter upon an independent business career, in 1868 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Dallas township. To this he afterward added as his financial resources increased until he owned two hundred and twenty-five acres



of good land in that township, on which he made many modern improvements, converting the place into a splendidly improved property. There he lived for a third of a century, or until 1902, when he retired from farming and purchased a beautiful home and two lots on Third street in Dallas City, where he is now living, surrounded by many of life's comforts.

On the 20th of April, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Barr and Miss Mary E. Dean, who was born in Clinton county, Ohio, October 3, 1848, a daughter of William B. and Margaret A. (Rankin) Dean. The mother was born in Brown county, Ohio, in 1807 and the father's birth occurred in Ireland in 1806. Crossing the Atlantic, he arrived at New York at the age of fifteen years after a voyage of three months. He traveled for some time and afterward became a farmer of Henderson county, Illinois, where he settled in 1853. In his family were seven children: Bartley R., who died in Arkansas in 1906; William L., living near Disco, Illinois; Albert and Alfred, twins, the former a resident of Chico, California, and the latter of Eldon, Iowa; Mary E., now Mrs. Barr; Arthur, of Dallas City; and Charles Edward Franklin, who died in May, 1869. The father was reared in the Roman Catholic church and the mother died in the same faith. Mrs. Barr was educated in the South Hill school in Burlington, Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: Ettie E., born January 25, 1870, was married May 12, 1897, to Elmer V. Royle, of Aledo, and they have two children, George Frederick and Cleo Ray; Robert A., a

sketch of whom appears on another page of this book, is the second of the family; and Mary Ottilia, born August 4, 1885, is a graduate of the Dallas City high school in the class of 1905. In 1901-2 she attended St. Mary's Academy at Nauvoo, Illinois, and is a skilled musician, now at home with her parents.

Mr. Barr is a democrat in his political faith, voting for the state and national candidates of the party, but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He has held some township offices, including that of road commissioner, and he has been school director, while his wife has also acted in that capacity for three years. They attend the services of the Christian church, of which Mrs. Barr is a member. She is a lady of very genial and cheerful disposition and their friends in the community are almost co-extensive with the circle of their acquaintances. Mr. Barr is a man whose success is attributable to his industry and business integrity and through careful management in an active career, through diligence and perseverance he has acquired a handsome competence that now enables him to enjoy life without recourse to further labor. His son is operating the home farm and the family is one of which the parents have every reason to be proud.

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#### FRANKLIN C. LITTLE.

Franklin C. Little, starting out in life with forty acres of land, is now the owner of a valuable farming property of four

hundred acres and the increase in his realty possessions is an indication of the industry and enterprise which have characterized his life and made him one of the men of affluence in Pontoosuc township. His success enables him to enjoy the comforts and some of the luxuries of life in the evening of his days—for Mr. Little is now seventy-seven years of age. He was born in Green county, Ohio, December 12, 1829. He had an uncle, David Little, who served in the war of 1812, serving as a guard at Sacketts Harbor. His parents, Martin and Sarah (Ritnour) Little, were both born in the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, the former in 1794 and the latter in 1796. After some years' residence in Ohio they came to Hancock county, arriving on the 25th of April, 1847. They settled in Appanoose township but after a brief sojourn there the father purchased land in Pontoosuc township from a Mormon elder of the name of Fullmer and lived in a little log cabin for a few years, when he made better improvements, owning four hundred acres, having paid high for those times, paying as high as \$5.25 per acre, in order to get good title. He aided in the pioneer development and upbuilding of the county and was identified with its farming interests until his death in 1854. His wife long survived him and in 1882 was laid by his side in Pontoosuc cemetery. They had seven children: Lorenzo, who lives in Pontoosuc township; D. A., of the same township; Catherine, the widow of Archibald Jackson, of Nauvoo; Sarah, the wife of Charles Rogers, of Nebraska; Millie, deceased; F. C.; and Jane, the wife of Adam Coffman, of Pontoosuc.

Franklin C. Little largely acquired his education in Ohio and for one term attended school in this state, whither he came with his parents when a youth of seventeen. At the age of nineteen, in 1849, he was married to Miss Nancy McCauley, who was born in New York state in 1829, a daughter of Major and Polly McCauley, both New York people but formerly of Ireland. Her father was a distant relative of MacCauley, the English historian. Mr. and Mrs. McCauley came to Illinois at a very early day, settling in Hancock county in 1832, and he participated in the Mormon war of 1844, while with many other events of the early days, which have become historic, he was also associated. Of his family of ten children six are now living: Eleanor, the wife of Isaac London, of Payson, Illinois; Lydia, the widow of Jerome Langdon, and a resident of Payson; Henry and Robert, both of Kansas; Susan, wife of John Schwartz, of Nebraska; and John, also of Nebraska. Three sons, William, Henry and Robert, all served for three years in the Union army in the Civil war.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Little's father gave him forty acres of prairie land in Pontoosuc township and, locating thereon in 1849, he built a house and has made all the improvements of every kind upon the farm, the boundary of which he has also extended from time to time. He owns altogether four hundred acres in Pontoosuc township and although well advanced in years is still actively engaged in general farming and stock raising. This has been his life work. Ambitious to succeed he has put

forth earnest, unremitting effort, guided by sound judgment, and his prosperity has resulted.

In 1877 Mr. Little lost his wife, who died on the 14th of June of that year and was laid to rest in Pontoosuc cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and a consistent Christian woman. Of their ten children, six are living: Martin, a resident of Pontoosuc township, has four sons, Muriel, Franklin, Lee and Harry; Melissa, the wife of James Lamb, of Pontoosuc township, by whom she has seven children—Edith, Delmer, George, John, Daisy, Millie and William; Arthur, a resident farmer of Pontoosuc township, who married Lizzie Avis and has three children—Jessie, Leola and Gladys; Mary, wife of Hiram Longshie, of Pontoosuc township, and the mother of two children, Edward and Minnie; Samuel, of the same township, who married Emma Cress and has three children—Claude, Nora and Nellie; Anna, the wife of Henry Byler, of Durham township, has one child and by a former marriage has three children, Mabel, Otis and Irene Hamilton (all Hamiltons); Flora, wife of Robert Alston, of Hamilton, Illinois, by whom she has three children—Flossie, Frankie and Grace; and Frank G., who married Grace Mitchell, of Dallas City, and has one child, Donald Ray.

On the 23d of January, 1884, Mr. Little was again married, his second union being with Miss Emma A. North, who was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1853, a daughter of Alfred A. and America A. (Miner) North, both coming from Ohio and settling in Sangamon county, this

state, when the eldest sister of Mrs. Little was only two years old. Mr. North served for three years in the Civil war as a member of Company A, Tenth Illinois Cavalry, and was mustered out as brevet major. Of his five children four are living: Kate, the widow of Samuel Lamb, of Pontoosuc township; Mrs. Little; Milfred, of Galveston, Texas; and Alfred A., living in Springfield.

Mr. Little is a stalwart republican who has given unswerving support to the party since its organization and has served as supervisor, school director and assessor. He belongs to the United Brethren church and is a man worthy of the respect so uniformly accorded him wherever he is known. He has lived in this county for almost sixty years and events which to others are matters of history are to him matters of personal observation and experience. Pioneer life in Hancock county in all its phases was familiar to him and he has taken justifiable pride in what has been accomplished in the county in the passing years.

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### JAMES BABCOCK.

James Babcock, a leading business man of Durham township engaged in general farming and also representing the financial interests of the community, as vice president of the Farmers Exchange Bank of Dallas City, was born November 2, 1849, in the township where he still makes his home. His father, Samuel Babcock,

was a native of New York, born in 1810, and as a child of a few years he was taken with his parents who settled on the Miami Bottoms near Cincinnati and there he grew to maturity being reared to the occupation of farming. In 1835 he became a resident of Henderson county, Illinois. There he lived in a log house in true pioneer style for a number of years, there being but few settlers there. He learned and followed the carpenter's trade and he also operated a water mill there until his removal to Hancock county, having purchased a farm in Durham township. He served as a soldier in the Mormon war and was identified with many events which now find place upon the historic annals of this part of the state. He was married in Henderson county in early manhood to Miss Nancy Logan, a daughter of Samuel Logan. She was born in Indiana in 1825, and as a child was brought here. For many years they traveled life's journey happily together. The death of the father occurred October 7, 1886, while his wife survived until January 18, 1902, and both were laid to rest in a cemetery in Henderson county, Illinois. Of their family of ten children five are now living: Susan, the wife of Arthur Gates, of Welkin, Minnesota; Euphama, the wife of Lee Shaw, of Dallas City; James, of this review; Anna, the wife of Ami Huffman, of Clyde, Missouri; and Florence, the wife of James Farren, of Durham township, living on the old homestead of her parents.

James Babcock is indebted to the district schools of Hancock county for the early educational privileges he enjoyed. He afterward spent two winters as a

student in Bryant & Stratton's Business College at Burlington, Iowa, and he remained upon the old homestead until twenty-eight years of age, assisting in the farm work in its various departments and thus gaining thorough familiarity with the best methods of cultivating the fields.

On the 11th of September, 1877, Mr. Babcock was united in marriage to Miss Mary Rice, who was born in Stark county, Ohio, May 12, 1855, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Rice, who are mentioned on another page of this work. For three years following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Babcock lived upon the present site of Stronghurst and subsequently spent nine years upon the old homestead farm of his father. In March, 1889, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of good land on section 11, Durham township, and in 1896 he erected his present modern residence, which is one of the finest and most beautiful homes in the township. All other improvements upon the place are in keeping and altogether his is a model farm property, equipped with the various conveniences and accessories that are known to modern farming in the twentieth century. His fields are under a high state of cultivation and annually return to him good crops and he likewise owns twenty acres of timber land upon the old home place. On the 5th of July, 1904, he was elected vice president of the Farmers State Exchange Bank of Dallas City and has since been connected with the institution in that capacity. He was one of the organizers of the bank and was elected one of the directors at its first meeting, and has been

the only vice president who has served. His son Rolla has been cashier from the first and in fact obtained the subscriptions for stock.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Babcock has been blessed with three children: Frank, who was born in Stronghurst in 1878, died at the age of five years. Rolla, born in this county in 1880, attended the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and is now cashier in the Farmers State Exchange Bank in Dallas City. He married Nellie Quinton. Ina, born in Durham township February 9, 1887, attended the Nauvoo Academy for two years and is now at home with her parents.

Mr. Babcock votes with the democracy but has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, capably controlled, are bringing to him a gratifying measure of success, and investigation into his history shows that the methods he has ever followed are in strict conformity to a high standard of business ethics.

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#### DANIEL T. RAY.

Daniel T. Ray, living near Colusa, is an extensive land owner and enterprising citizen and as one of the representative men of Hancock county well deserves mention in this volume. He was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, in 1859, a son of Thomas L. and Mary (Barr)

Ray. John Barr, an uncle of Mrs. Mary (Barr) Ray and her grandfather in the maternal line were soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Thomas L. Ray was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, in 1827 and was a farmer by occupation. He was married in his native state to Miss Mary Barr, whose birth occurred in Breckinridge county in 1838. They came to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1865 and settled near Dallas City, while subsequently they removed to Pilot Grove township. In 1880 they took up their abode in Dallas township, where Mr. Ray purchased eighty acres of land on section 36. This farm was improved and as time passed he extended its boundaries and added other improvements, making this a well developed property which returned to him a good income for the care and labor which he bestowed upon it. His study of the political issues and questions of the day led him to give his support to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to various local offices. He held membership in the Baptist church, to which his widow also belongs, and his life was characterized by his religious faith. In the family were six children, of whom four are now living: Daniel T.; Sarah E., who is at home with her mother; Emma E., the wife of George Boyer, of Fort Madison, Iowa; and George W., also at home. One daughter, Mary J., died at the age of two years; and Anna F., the youngest of the family, died in July, 1890, at the age of fourteen years while visiting her sister in Fort Madison, Iowa. That was the year of the father's death. He was

well advanced in years and suffered from paralysis, but the daughter was carried away in the bloom of youth and died when absent from her mother's home. Her death came as an almost unbearable blow to the family, who in one year were bereft of husband and father, daughter and sister.

Daniel Ray, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the district schools of Dallas township and to some extent in Pilot Grove township. He remained with his father upon the home farm until the latter's death and then took charge of the property for his mother. He is still manager of the farm, which is carefully conducted by him, his business ability and enterprise enabling him to make it a source of profit. In his youth he became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of carrying on farm work and in later years he has not only superintended his agricultural interests but has also made judicious investments in land and is now the owner of considerable valuable farm property, owning one hundred and sixty acres in North Dakota. He has followed in his father's political footsteps and votes with the democracy. He has served as road commissioner and as a member of the school board and he withholds his support from no movement or measure that is calculated to prove of general good. In his social relations he is a Woodman. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county, for in early boyhood he was brought to Illinois by his parents and in the intervening years he has made a record which is most commendable both in his business relations and private life. He is an honest, up-

right, energetic man, who stands high in the community and in his business life he is making a creditable record and is highly respected by all.

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#### A. W. O'HARRA.

Apollos W. O'Harra needs no introduction to the readers of this volume, for few men have a wider acquaintance in Hancock county, by reason of his professional and business connections and his activity in support of many plans and movements for the public good. While undoubtedly he is not without that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful an incentive to activity in public affairs he has ever regarded the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts and by the faithful and conscientious performance of each day's duty as it has come to him he has found inspiration and encouragement for the labors of the succeeding day. He has thus won public confidence and his ability in the line of his chosen profession has given him prestige at a bar which has claimed many notable members.

Mr. O'Harra was born on a farm near Camp Point in Adams county, Illinois, February 22, 1857, his parents being Jefferson and Pauline (Robertson) O'Harra. The father was a native of Indiana, born June 4, 1833, and the mother's birth occurred in Adams county, Illinois, May 9, 1838. Jefferson O'Harra devoted his at-



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tention to general agricultural pursuits until 1866 and at the age of fifteen years he went to Adams county, Illinois. In 1860 he removed to Hancock county, where he engaged in the tilling of the soil until 1866, when he moved to Bentley and became proprietor of a general store which he conducted for thirty-two years. In 1899 he removed to Carthage, thinking to retire from active business life, but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and he could not content himself without some occupation, so that for the past five years he has acted as manager of the mortgage department in the office of his son, A. W. O'Harra. He votes with the democracy and has served as township supervisor and as a member of the school board, but is without political ambitions. A member of the Odd Fellows Society, he has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge and has several times been representative to the grand lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and he has held most of the church offices. They reside in Carthage and are greatly esteemed in the city which is their home. Unto them were born five sons and four daughters, of whom six are now living, namely: A. W., of this review; Dr. William G. O'Harra, a practicing physician of Chicago; Mary E., the wife of George E. Burner, a farmer residing in Rock Creek township; Professor C. C. O'Harra, professor of geology and mineralogy in the state school of mines at Rapid City, South Dakota; Rev. M. L. O'Harra, a Methodist minister, who is now pastor of the College church at Abingdon, Illinois; and Ira J., a successful lawyer at Macomb.

A. W. O'Harra was a student in Carthage College and afterward engaged in teaching for four years in the public schools of Bentley, Illinois. He took up the study of law in the office under the direction of the firm of Draper & Scofield in Carthage and was admitted to the bar January 5, 1880. He began the practice of law alone with an office on the west side of the public square and after two years admitted Frank H. Graves, now a leading attorney of Spokane, Washington, to a partnership. They were associated for two years, or until Mr. Graves' removal from the city, when Mr. O'Harra entered into partnership with C. J. and T. J. Scofield, brothers, a relationship which was maintained for a few months, when the former was elected circuit judge. T. J. Scofield and Mr. O'Harra continued in practice together for seventeen years, the firm originally being Scofield, O'Harra & Scofield and later O'Harra & Scofield. In 1891 they admitted William H. Hartzell to a partnership and he continued with the firm until 1896. In 1890 O'Harra & Scofield opened a law office in Quincy, Illinois, the latter removing to that city to look after the business there and after a year Colonel W. W. Berry became a member of the firm, the partnership thus continuing until the death of Colonel Berry. All this time Mr. O'Harra continued his residence in Carthage, having charge of the office here. On the 1st of January, 1897, W. H. Hartzell retired from the firm in this city and during the fall of the same year Judge C. J. Scofield, having retired from the bench, again became a partner and the old firm style of Scofield, O'Harra &

Scofield was resumed, the connection being continued until the 1st of March, 1899, when it was dissolved. Judge Scofield still practices in Carthage, while T. J. Scofield is one of the prominent lawyers of Chicago. Mr. O'Harra practices in all of the courts and is now located in an office on Main street, where he has one of the finest law libraries of the city. It is the theory of the law that the counsel who practice are to aid the court in the administration of justice and this Mr. O'Harra has endeavored to do. He is careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics and never seeks to lead the court astray in a matter of fact or law, nor does he endeavor to withhold from it a knowledge of any fact appearing in the record. He treats the court with the studied courtesy which is its due and indulges in no malicious criticism because it arrives at a conclusion, in the decision of a case, different from that which he hoped to hear. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, free from passion or prejudice, he gives to his client the service of great talent, unwearied industry and broad learning, but he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and above all to justice and a righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard. He has achieved distinction as an able lawyer of his district and he deserves it.

In connection with his law office Mr. O'Harra maintains a money loaning department, making loans on farms and thus placing about five hundred thousand dollars per year. He is moreover a di-

rector in the Hancock County National Bank, a director in the State Bank of Augusta, and has been a director of the Carthage Building & Loan Association since its organization in May, 1885. He is likewise a director in the Carthage Electric Light & Power Company and a director in the Plumb Brothers Brick & Tile Company and several other industrial corporations. He has made judicious investments in real estate, owning some unimproved property in Carthage together with the Shoreham Hotel and his own residence. He likewise has farms in Hancock county and has thus placed his money in the safest of all investments—real estate. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment have always been so universally recognized that he has enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree and naturally this has brought him a lucrative clientage.

Aside from what he has done for the city through the line of his business and professional activity Mr. O'Harra has given many hours to public service and Carthage has benefited by his efforts in her behalf. He has always been a staunch democrat and for four years, from 1886 until 1890, served as mayor of the city, giving a public spirited and businesslike administration. He was also president of the school board for a number of years and for fifteen years has been a member of the board of trustees of Carthage College. His co-operation can be counted upon for every measure and movement that promises to advance the general welfare and while working toward high ideals he uses practical methods.

On the 14th of October, 1880, Mr.

O'Harra was married to Miss Eliza J. Burner, who was born in Hancock county, October 25, 1856, and is a daughter of Isaac S. and Jane A. (Lionberger) Burner, both of whom were natives of Page county, Virginia, the former born March 21, 1817, and the latter April 21, 1820. Mr. Burner was a farmer by occupation and in 1837 came to Hancock county, traveling all the way on horseback. He settled in Harmony township and rented a log cabin, in which he lived for a few years, when he purchased land and built a log cabin, living in true pioneer style upon the frontier of the ever receding west and aiding in changing its pioneer conditions into those of an advanced and enlightened civilization. He voted with the democracy and held several local offices and was recognized as a local party leader, his influence carrying weight in the councils of the party. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon. He lived upon farms in Harmony township for fifty years and died suddenly November 3, 1886, at the home of Dr. Carlton, to whom he had gone for medical attendance. He was invited by Dr. Carlton, an old-time friend, to remain to dinner and passed away at the table. His wife survived until October 31, 1890, and both lie buried in Harmony cemetery. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are yet living, as follows: Amanda E., the widow of Samuel F. Ramsey, of Harmony township; Ambrose C., and George S., of the same township; Fannie A., the wife of Henry Harter, of Sabetha, Kansas; Alice B., the wife of Philip L. Dailey, living on the

old home place in Harmony township; Eliza J., now Mrs. O'Harra; and Olive, who resides with her sister, Mrs. O'Harra.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. O'Harra have been born five children, all born in Carthage, but the eldest died in infancy. Clifton Junius, born May 23, 1884, was graduated from the high school of Carthage in 1902, completed the course in Carthage College in 1906 and intends to become a member of the bar. Edith May, born May 22, 1886, is a graduate of the academy, a preparatory department of Carthage College, and is now a senior in the more advanced institution. Gladys June, born June 8, 1890, is a junior in the high school. Roswell Burner, born March 30, 1892, is a student in the Carthage High Schools. In 1892, Mr. O'Harra built an elegant residence at the corner of Main and Washington streets. He is a man of domestic tastes, devoted to his family and finding his greatest happiness at his own fireside. He has, moreover, great reverence for aged people and the most thorough respect for all things which tend to uplift mankind and develop an upright character. His home is noted for its gracious and almost limitless hospitality, Mrs. O'Harra taking great pleasure with him in the entertainment of their many friends. Mr. O'Harra is an Odd Fellow, has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge and has several times been representative to the grand lodge. His wife has also filled all of the offices in the Rebekah lodge and has for several years been its representative to the Rebekah assembly. She is treasurer of the Woman's Club of Carthage, president of the Public Library Association and for

several years was president of the Floral Guild. Mr. O'Harra started in life with limited means, teaching school in order to provide the funds necessary to enable him to study law and at the time of their marriage he and his wife had but very limited possessions. He purchased his first law library with borrowed money and he has inherited nothing, but has accumulated all by his industry; supplemented by ambition and the development of his native powers and talents. It is true that his chief life work has been that of a remarkably successful lawyer but the range of his activities and the scope of his influence have reached far beyond this special field. He belongs to that class of men who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal ends.

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#### EDWARD CHERRILL.

Edward Cherrill, president of the Exchange Bank at Carthage, was born in London, England, June 17, 1838, a son of Adolphus and Elizabeth (Wood) Cherrill, who were likewise natives of London, born in 1808 and 1813 respectively. The father came to America in 1838, bringing with him his wife and two children, first locating in Jacksonville, Illinois. They had spent six weeks on the water as passengers on an old-time sailing vessel. He had been brought up

in a silk warehouse, where were employed fifty-two young men known as Bradbury's Pack, and while living in England acquired a classical education as a preparation for a profession. He moreover possessed considerable artistic skill and when a young man and even later in life did creditable work painting in water colors. He was always a great reader and a man of scholarly attainments, and he likewise enjoyed outdoor life. He was married on the 15th of December, 1835, in St. George's church, in Hanover Square, London, to Miss Elizabeth Wood, who had spent her girlhood days in that city, had acquired her education in the schools there, and had been received into the Episcopal church at an early age. Two children were born unto them ere they emigrated to America. On coming to Hancock county in 1842 they built a house on a farm near Augusta, where they lived for several years in true pioneer style. In 1847, they removed to Carthage, Mr. Cherrill turning his attention to merchandising, which he followed in partnership with Mr. Sholl for many years. He was thus closely associated with the business development of the city. With events that marked the history of the city and county he was closely associated, taking an active part in the Mormon war and in other incidents of those early times. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he served one term as county treasurer of Hancock county. His life was made up of good deeds and he left to his family a record of which his children and grandchildren have every reason to be proud. His character was such as commanded the respect of the

entire community. He recognized and called forth the good in others and in his own life displayed those sterling traits which work for good citizenship. He passed away in 1877, and was laid to rest in the Carthage cemetery. Mrs. Cherrill is still living in Carthage, at the advanced age of ninety-two and possesses her mental and physical faculties to a remarkable degree and has looked after her own household and other affairs until the past year. While devoted to her family she has always found time to perform many acts of kindness and charity and is greatly beloved by her own children and the entire community. She is a most entertaining and companionable lady, relating many interesting reminiscences of pioneer life and of the early days in Hancock county.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherrill were the parents of six children. Emily became the wife of Francis M. Corby, and for some time they lived in Chicago but both are now deceased. At one time Mr. Corby was county clerk of Hancock county. Edward is the second of the family. Mary became the wife of Dr. J. K. Bonde, of Carthage, but both are now deceased, the Doctor having passed away in Washington, D. C. Rose C. is the deceased wife of H. E. Griswold, of Atlantic, Iowa. Ellen married Colonel James B. Cahill, who was lieutenant colonel of the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry. They were at one time residents of Carthage but both are now deceased. The Colonel was internal revenue collector at Warsaw and Quincy, acting as collector for the district in the latter place. A. N. Cherrill makes his home in Carthage. Grace Amelia

died when a young lady, of malarial fever which she contracted on a camping trip in Missouri.

Edward Cherrill was educated in the subscription schools of Hancock county. He lived in Carthage but owing to the pioneer condition of the country and the fact that the public-school system had not yet been organized, he was sent to a country school called Hickory Flat, where, however, he was under the instruction of a very competent teacher. Soon after leaving school he received the appointment as deputy county clerk under Claiborne Winston, and subsequently he attended Illinois College and the State University of Indiana. After leaving college he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed in the counting house of Doan, King & Company and afterwards with J. W. Booth & Sons until 1864, when he returned to Carthage. Here he became identified with banking interests of the city as cashier of the Hancock National Bank, which position he occupied for ten years. The bank was originally established by his brother-in-law, Mr. Corby and Mr. Ferris. At a later date Mr. Cherrill was cashier of the Union Bank in Quincy for three years but in 1876 returned to Carthage, where, in connection with his father-in-law, Jacob Sholl, he established the banking house of Cherrill, Sholl & Company, known as the Exchange Bank of Carthage. The house remains virtually the same although Mr. Sholl is now deceased. A. N. Cherrill, a brother of our subject, entered the institution soon after it was established and is still connected with it, Edward Cherrill being now presi-

dent of the institution. Throughout periods of general financial stress or general prosperity this bank has continued on the even tenor of its way with an unassailable reputation, following a safe, conservative policy which has inspired public confidence and secured a liberal patronage.

On the 10th of June, 1869, Mr. Cherrill was married to Miss Susan Agnes Sholl, who was born in Winchester, Ohio. Her father, Jacob Sholl, was a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother, Mrs. Maria Sholl, of Ohio. In the year 1854 he came to Carthage and was engaged in merchandising before he became identified with the banking interests. His political allegiance was given to the republican party but he was without aspiration for office. In the family were four children, three of whom are now living: Alexander, who was a captain in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Regiment in the Civil war and is now residing in Quincy, Illinois; Jacob Mack, of Carthage, who is a National bank examiner; Mrs. Cherrill. One brother, David Sholl, who was the third of the family, was killed in a skirmish at Thompson's Hill during the Civil war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sholl have passed away and their graves were made in Moss Ridge cemetery.

In 1882 Mr. Cherrill built a pretty home on Madison street and he also owns other property in the city. Unto him and his wife have been born six children. Lawrence C., the eldest, is a resident of Chicago. Ellen Maria is the wife of Charles C. Merrill, formerly of Carthage, who is now passenger agent of the New

York Central Lines, with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri. Edward K., living in New York city, is assistant cashier of the Merchants Exchange National Bank. He was graduated from the high school and Carthage College, and during the periods of vacation spent much of his time in his father's bank, where he gained the ground work of the business. Lucy Sholl is the wife of Dr. Marsh, of Warsaw, and has two children, John and Susan. Katherine has attended the public schools of Carthage and also Carthage College, and is now at home with her parents. Elizabeth G. is yet in school. The daughters of Mr. Cherrill are connected with the Daughters of the American Revolution, through William Mack, great-grandfather of Mrs. Cherrill. Devoid of ostentation or display in his home life or business affairs, Mr. Cherrill has won his way to a position of prominence in financial circles in this part of the state. In politics a democrat he has never sought public office but is content to remain a private citizen.

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#### FRANCIS ORREN PERSHING, M. D.

Although Dr. Pershing has resided in Dallas City for only about a year he was not a stranger in the town when he located here, and he has already made a creditable place for himself in professional circles. He was born in Durham township, Hancock county, November 3, 1867, his parents being Wesley K. and

Ruth A. (Cather) Pershing. Both parents were natives of Pennsylvania, the father having been born in Westmoreland county, and the mother in Greene county. The paternal and maternal grandparents of our subject settled in Hancock county in the early '40s, and were identified with the pioneer development and progress of this part of the state. Wesley K. Pershing is a farmer by occupation, and for over a half century lived in this county. He purchased government land, cleared a portion of it and built thereon a log cabin. As the years advanced he continued the work of progress and improvement, his labors being interrupted, however, by the Civil war, for at the time of the inauguration of hostilities between the north and the south he espoused the Union cause and became a member of Company I, Sixteenth Illinois infantry. He served for four years, participated in the siege of Vicksburg, went with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea and also took part in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war. While in Georgia he was wounded, being shot through the throat and for a time was in the hospital. His political allegiance has ever been given to the republican party and its principles, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He served for many years as superintendent in different Sunday-schools in various parts of the county, filling that position for a period in Burnside. Both he and his wife now reside in Oklahoma. In their family were four children, three of whom are now living: Dr. Pershing, of this review; Royal S.,

a dentist practicing in Canada; and Stella R., who has been a teacher of Marshall county, Illinois, and is now with her parents in Oklahoma, being engaged as a teacher in an Oklahoma seminary.

Dr. Pershing attended the schools of Durham township, of Dallas City and of Burnside, and later pursued a business course in Hedding College, at Abingdon, Illinois, from which institution he was graduated. He prepared for his profession as a student in Keokuk Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1893, and he later took post-graduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic College, in 1902. From 1893 until 1896 inclusive he practiced medicine at Hamill, Iowa, and then located for practice in Burnside, where he remained for a year. On the expiration of that period he removed to Whitefield, Illinois, where he continued for six years and later spent three years in active practice at Tiskilwa. In January, 1906, he located in Dallas City, and now has a nice suite of rooms on Oak and Fifth streets, supplied with all modern appliances that are of aid to the physician in his effort to diagnose a case, check the ravages of disease and restore health. He is a physician and surgeon in general practice and yet makes somewhat of a specialty of diseases of the nose and throat. He has all the latest improved instruments needed in his profession and his well equipped office shows that he is thoroughly familiar with modern methods of practice.

On the 29th of March, 1893, Dr. Pershing was married to Miss Winifred L. Bray, of La Harpe, who was born and reared in that place, and is a daughter of

Thomas and Emma (Leavitt) Bray. Her father came from Wales and settled first in Ohio but at an early day they removed to La Harpe, where he located in the '40s. His wife is a native of Maine, and her people arrived in Hancock county before the Bray family was established here. Mr. Bray was a tinner and hardware merchant for some years but at the time of his death, in 1894, was engaged in the undertaking business. He served as a soldier of the Civil war for two years. His widow still survives and makes her home in La Harpe. She belongs to the Congregational church, while Mr. Bray held membership in the Episcopal church. They were the parents of a son and two daughters: Edwin M. Bray, proprietor of a general store at Towne, Texas, a suburb of El Paso, where he makes his home; Anna, the wife of J. V. Place, of La Harpe; and Mrs. Pershing. John and Joseph Bray, two of the brothers of Thomas Bray, were killed in the Civil war and some of Mrs. Pershing's relatives on the Leavitt side were in the Revolutionary war, so that she is eligible to membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Pershing has been born one son, Francis Orville, who was born in Hamill, Lee County, Iowa, May 14, 1895, and is attending the public school of Dallas City. They are temporarily living on Oak street but Dr. Pershing expects soon to build or buy a residence here. He belongs to Dallas City Lodge A. F. & A. M. No. 145 and Odd Fellows lodges and to the Modern Woodmen camp as well as the Knights of Pyth-

ias and he votes with the republican party but does not care for office, preferring to give his time and energies to his professional duties, and in the line of his chosen calling he has won a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy.

Dr. Pershing is a member of the Hancock County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

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#### JOHN I. HEISLER.

John I. Heisler, ex-postmaster of Dallas and now in general business, was born in Hancock county, May 28, 1853, a son of George and Mary (Housewert) Heisler. The father was born in Ohio in 1814, while the mother's birth occurred in Pennsylvania in 1823. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1835 came to Hancock county, settling in Dallas. His brother, William Heisler, had come to the county in 1832—the year of the Black Hawk war. George Heisler was successfully engaged in farming until his death, clearing away the timber in order to build a log cabin, in which he lived in true pioneer style until he was able to make modern improvements. He served in the war against the Mormons at Nauvoo in 1844, carrying the flag, and was associated with other early historic events. He now lies buried in a cemetery in Durham township. His widow still survives and is a member of the Chris-



tian church. In their family were seven children, of whom three are living: John I.; George F., of Dallas City; and Melissa, the wife of Edward Avis, living near Colusa, Illinois.

John I. Heisler largely acquired his education in the district schools but also spent two years as a student in Carthage College. He remained with his mother upon the home farm until he had attained his majority and then purchased land in Dallas township upon which he engaged in general farming and stock-raising for fifteen years, meeting with success in his undertakings. He then devoted ten years to the poultry business, being one of the early fanciers of the county, introducing the first thoroughbred fowls of different varieties and winning over 5,000 prizes at various fairs during the time he was in the business. He was then appointed by President McKinley to the position of postmaster at Dallas and after serving for three years was reappointed, his incumbency in the office covering altogether seven years and three months and giving general satisfaction to the public by reason of the prompt and efficient manner in which he discharged his duties. During this time the first rural route was inaugurated and the office became a presidential office. He was city alderman for four years, tax collector of Dallas township for two years and township supervisor for two years, and as a public official he bears an unsailable record.

On Christmas day of 1876 Mr. Heisler was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Salsbury, a native of Kirksville, Missouri, and a daughter of Christopher and Eliz-

abeth Salsbury. Mrs. Heisler was born in Missouri and died in this county November 19, 1901, her remains being interred in Durham township. She was a member of the Christian church, was a good wife, kind mother and friend to all, and her many excellent traits of character won her the esteem of those with whom she came in contact. She left one daughter, Malinda, now the wife of Fred J. Dickson, of Dallas City, by whom she has two children, Leo and Ethel. On the 24th of January, 1906, Mr. Heisler was married to Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth (Toof) Dean, who was born in Durham township, Hancock county, July 9, 1852, a daughter of B. L. and Mary A. (Atherton) Toof. Her maternal grandfather built the first log cabin in Dallas and it is now a part of the residence of the late B. F. Black on Oak and Front streets. This place was his farm and there were then still many Indians in the locality, while wild deer and other kinds of wild game could be had in abundance. In the log house which he erected Mr. Atherton died.

B. L. Toof, father of Mrs. Heisler, was born in Vermont, February 29, 1820, and died March 27, 1885. His wife, who was born in Ohio, July 24, 1823, died September 7, 1877, and both lie buried in Dallas cemetery. He came to Hancock county when a small boy and to Dallas in 1850 and followed farming until his death. He voted with the republican party and held various township offices. He was a charter member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he passed all the chairs, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational church at Dal-

las. They had seven children, all living: Henry A., who was born September 15, 1843, and was a soldier of the Civil war, is now living in Aurora, Nebraska; Daniel L., born March 22, 1850, in Iowa, also resides in Aurora, Nebraska; Ella E., born July 9, 1852, is now Mrs. Heisler; John Wilson, born December 15, 1854, is a resident of Santa Cruz county, California; M. Jane, born in Dallas City, October 20, 1859, is the wife of William Ramsay; Mary Catherine, born February 15, 1863, is the wife of William Phipps, of Braham, Oklahoma.

By her former marriage Mrs. Heisler had three children. William B. Dean, born in Henderson county, November 24, 1869, when seventeen years of age became connected with the Sierra Lumber Company, of Chico, California, of which he is now the manager. He is one of the foremost business men of that place, well known from New York to California, and his weekly payroll amounts to two thousand dollars. He married Miss Lulu Wadams, of Chico, who died when her second child, Vera A., was fourteen days old, also leaving another daughter, Lolita R. Mrs. Dean was buried in Chico cemetery and after living a widower for nine years with his mother, who cared for his two children, William B. Dean was married, in June, 1903, to Bertha Fish, a prominent teacher of California. Nellie Dean, born in Durham township, April 25, 1873, is the wife of Harry Moir, assistant cashier and head bookkeeper in the Butte County Bank at Chico, California. Dr. J. Wilson Dean, born in Durham township, Hancock county, May 10, 1875, was graduated from the St. Louis

Medical College and began practice when twenty-one years of age. He is a successful physician and surgeon now of Pond, Missouri, frequently called in consultation on important cases, and he makes a specialty of diseases of the eye and ear. He married Miss Viola Huttenman, who was born August 7, 1879, and they live in Pond, Missouri.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heisler are descended from highly respected pioneer families of Hancock county. They played together when little children and later attended the same school and social gatherings and then each married, Miss Toof becoming Mrs. Dean and later spending much time in California. On a visit to her old home and friends in Hancock county in 1905 she again renewed the acquaintance and friendship with her former playmate and in course of time they were married at the home of her son in Pond, Missouri. It was with delight that Mrs. Heisler's old friends, neighbors and relatives of this county welcomed her back. She is a member of the Eastern Star, in which she has been warden and chaplain and she also belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps and for many years was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church but is now a member of the Christian church with her husband.

Mr. Heisler built a pretty home in Dallas in 1906 and he also owns eighty acres of improved land in Dallas township, where he is again devoting considerable time and energy to the poultry business, in which he is well versed. He is manager and secretary of the Dallas Creamery Company and is president of the Hancock County Poultry Association. Outside of

the eighty acres of land which he inherited from his father, he is entirely a self-made man, and his energy and honesty constitute the basis of his success. He stands high in the community, respected by all, and both Mr. and Mrs. Heisler number their friends by the score.

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### LUKE M. VAUGHN.

Luke M. Vaughn, who follows the occupation of farming in Durham township, was born in Carman, Illinois, October 15, 1870, a son of Mathew and Mary (Marsden) Vaughn, who were natives of England and came to America in early life. Mr. Vaughn first resided in Ohio and subsequently removed to Henderson county, Illinois, where he purchased a farm, while his last years were spent as a retired agriculturist in Burlington, Iowa, where he died on the 22d of February, 1905. Mrs. Vaughn had departed this life twenty-eight years before. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living, namely: Catherine, the wife of Thomas Dickson, of Henderson county, Illinois; George, who is living in Carman, this state; Arthur, who is located near Lomax; Alice, the wife of John Johnson, of Osceola, Nebraska; Miles, living in Nebraska City; James, of Lomax; Mark, of Lomax; Luke, of this review, who is a twin brother of Mark; and Manford, who is living in Carman.

In taking up the personal history of Luke Vaughn we present to our readers

the record of one who is widely and favorably known in Durham township. He was educated in the public schools and was reared to agricultural life, remaining upon his father's farm to the age of twenty-four years, when he was married and started out in life on his own account. It was on the 5th of December, 1894, that he wedded Miss Leona Gittings, who was born near Disco, Illinois, in 1876, a daughter of Austin and Ellen (Inghram) Gittings, the former a native of Texas and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. Gittings was brought to Hancock county by his parents when only six years of age and is now a farmer of Missouri. In his family were fifteen children, namely: A. J. and Emmet, both residents of Disco; Minnie, the wife of Wesley Scott, of Dallas City; Clyde, who is living near Carman; Mrs. Vaughn; Ena, the wife of Orville Pence, living near Dallas; Hettie, the wife of Archibald Vaughan, of Carman; Weaver, of Disco; Robert, of Lomax; Edward, also of Disco; Annie, deceased; Luella, the wife of John Hayden, of Disco; Bertha, Ollie and Jessie, at home; and one died in infancy.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn has been blessed with three children: Clarence L., born in Henderson county, Illinois, in 1895; Ferrill L., born March 3, 1897; and Floyd V., November 16, 1900. Following their marriage the parents lived upon a farm near Lomax for two years and subsequently spent three years near Dallas. In 1900 Mr. Vaughn purchased one hundred and ten acres of land in Durham township, upon which he has erected a beautiful residence, com-

modious barns and other outbuildings and has improved here a splendid farm, equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. He also owns eighty acres of good land in Durham township below his home place. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and in the cultivation of his fields employs practical and progressive methods, resulting in annual gatherings of good crops. He is a republican but without aspiration for office. Fraternaly he is connected with the Woodmen, while his wife is a member of the Christian church. He never received any assistance through inheritance or aid of influential friends but has lived a life of industry and frugality and through the united efforts of himself and wife there are now many comforts to be enjoyed in the Vaughn home. There hospitality also reigns supreme and the family have many friends in this community.

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#### GEORGE M. CUMMINGS.

George M. Cummings, a well-to-do farmer of Dallas township, was born in Blooming Grove, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1853, a son of George and Elizabeth (Keyport) Cummings. The father's birth occurred in New York in 1802. In early manhood he learned and followed the trade of a blacksmith and tool maker. At the age of eighteen years he went to Pennsylvania and in that state was for a long period engaged in general farming. In 1879 he

came to Hancock county, Illinois, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred about a year later. His wife had passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-four years. She was born near the capital of Switzerland and came to America when only three years of age with her parents. George Cummings, Sr., was a republican in his political views and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to fill various township offices. In the family were ten children, of whom five are now living: Harriet C., the widow of William G. Edwards and a resident of St. Louis, Missouri; Mrs. Sarah Porter, a widow living in Erie, Pennsylvania; Louisa, the wife of Norman Strieby, of Burlington, Kansas; George M., of this review; and W. W., who is living in Los Angeles, California.

George M. Cummings was educated in the public schools of his native county and gave assistance to his father in the farm work until twenty-three years of age. In the spring of 1878, when he came to Illinois, he began working as a farm hand by the month and was employed by John Dietrick, of Pontoosuc township. The next summer he rented a farm in Senora township and started out in life on his own account. He has always carried on general agricultural pursuits and for a number of years has been accounted one of the representative agriculturists of Dallas township.

On the 10th of February, 1880, Mr. Cummings was united in marriage to Miss Ellen M. Dietrich, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1857, a daughter of Joseph F. and Sarah (Benner) Deitrich. The mother

died when Mrs. Cummings was a child two years old. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, long survived. He came to Hancock county in 1863 and passed away in Dallas township in 1901. Both he and his wife were natives of Pennsylvania and in this county they won many friends. The political allegiance of Mr. Deitrich was given to the democracy and he held a number of important local offices. Both he and his wife belonged to the Lutheran church, in which he served as a deacon. He was twice married and by his first wife had five children, of whom three are now living: Mary, the wife of L. H. Foresman, of Dallas City; Mrs. Cummings; and Hetty, the wife of W. W. Cummings, of California. By his second marriage Mr. Deitrich had thirteen children, of whom six are now living: Etta P., the wife of James Paulus and residing in Colusa, Illinois; Myra, the wife of Warren Jacobs, of Missouri; William M., of Dallas township; Susanna, who is living with her mother on the home place in Dallas township; and Grover C. and John Wesley, also with their mother.

Following his marriage Mr. Cummings brought his young wife to a farm of eighty acres on section 14, Dallas township, which she had inherited from her mother. There was a little old house upon the place and in this they began their domestic life. From time to time as his financial resources have increased Mr. Cummings has added to the property and now has a valuable tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 11 and 14, Dallas township. Here he has built a beautiful modern residence, also good

barns and other substantial outbuildings and added many modern equipments and improvements. The farm is altogether a valuable property and although he is now leaving the more active work to his sons he still gives supervision to his place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have been born nine children; all born on the farm where they now reside, and seven of the number are living, as follows: Homer D., who is a locomotive fireman and resides in Chicago; Joseph M., at home; Mark T., who is in the Farmers State Exchange Bank at Dallas City, of which Mr. Cummings is a director, and was one of the original organizers of the bank, which is now doing a successful business; Laura, Clara, Kate and Charles, all under the parental roof.

Mr. Cummings gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served as supervisor for two years, while for twenty consecutive years he has been a school director. The cause of education indeed finds in him a warm and helpful friend, his labors being very effective in behalf of the schools. Fraternally he is a member of Dallas City Lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M., and has served as worshipful master of his lodge and has represented his lodge in the grand lodge. He is also a member of Dallas chapter No. 111, R. A. M., and has filled the office of high priest and attended the grand chapter at a number of meetings, which fact indicates his high position in the regard of the brethren of the craft. He and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which he is an elder. His ability, energy and economy, together with the assistance of his estimable wife,

who has indeed been a helpmate to him, constitute the secret of his success. He now owns an excellent farm in Dallas township and enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community.

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D. H. MILLER.

D. H. Miller, manager for the Alexander Lumber Company of Carthage, is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Adams county in 1856, his parents being Jacob and Nancy (Chandler) Miller. The father was born in Germany, October 12, 1828, and the mother in Adams county, Illinois. She died during the infancy of their son, D. H. Miller. The father was only thirteen months old when brought to the United States by his parents, who settled in Pennsylvania. The voyage was made in one of the old-time sailing vessels and they landed at New York. Jacob Miller was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed as a life work and in 1845 he took up his abode in Adams county, Illinois, where he resided until 1864, when he removed to Hancock county, Illinois, here carrying on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred January 21, 1905. He had therefore long survived his wife. In their family were five children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: D. H., of this review; Melissa, the wife of J. Cook, of Oberlin, Decatur county, Kansas; and Alfred, who is living in Seattle, Washington. The mother, Mrs.

Jacob Miller, had three brothers who were soldiers of the Civil war, John, William and George Chandler. The first named was killed in the service and William remained with the army for about four years. The grandmother of our subject in the maternal line was about ninety-two years of age when she passed away and the grandmother in the paternal line was ninety-four years of age, while her husband reached the age of ninety-two years.

D. H. Miller was educated at West Point, Illinois, and is a graduate of the Gem City Business College at Quincy. After leaving school he followed farming for five or six years in Hancock county and for two years was engaged in teaching school in this county. Eventually he entered the employ of the firm of Dickinson & Bartlett at Hamilton, Illinois, whom he represented as general manager for six years. For several years he did a general contracting business on his own account and in 1898 he assumed charge of the business of the Alexander Lumber Company of Carthage, which responsible position he yet occupies and under his guidance the business has developed and is being conducted along profitable lines.

On the 1st of January, 1878, occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Jane I. Hart, who was born in Adams county and is a daughter of William T. and Fannie (Wigle) Hart, who came to Illinois at an early day, the mother making her way to this state from Pennsylvania. She is now living at West Point, Illinois, where Mr. Hart passed away in 1896. In their family were eleven children, of whom nine are yet living: Isaac, who resides at Bowen, Illinois; Hattie H., who

is the widow of Jake Shaffer and lives at West Point, Iowa; Margaret, the wife of G. W. Wolfe, of West Point; Mark, residing at Ellensburg, Washington; Clarence, of West Point; Ollie, who is with her mother; Eva, the wife of William Nutt, of West Point; May E., the widow of Mathew Finley, of West Point; and Arch, who is also living at that place. Mr. Hart, the father of this family, was originally a Dunkard but afterward became a member of the Christian church and at his death his remains were interred in the cemetery at West Point, Illinois. His widow is a devoted member of the Christian church.

Mrs. Miller and her daughter Ruby are eligible to membership in the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as John Wigle, an uncle of her mother, fought in the Revolutionary war. Her father's brother, John Hart, was a soldier of the Civil war. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: Roy G., the eldest, born in Hancock county, is a graduate of the Gem City Business College of Quincy, Illinois, and now lives in Orville, Ohio, where he is employed by the Robert Hixon Lumber Company. Ruby B. is attending the city schools of Carthage and is her father's assistant in bookkeeping in the office. Jake L. is employed in the office of the Alexander Lumber Company. In his fraternal relations Mr. Miller is a Mason and also belongs to the Odd Fellows Society, in which he has passed all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but he has never sought or desired office. Both he and his wife are faithful and consistent

members of the Christian church and they are now occupying a nice home on Cherry street in the western part of the city, which Mr. Miller erected in 1895. He holds a responsible position of trust and stands high in the community, in the lodge, in his church, in business circles and among his friends. He is a well informed man and a typical American citizen, rejoicing in the general progress and keeping in touch with the trend of modern advancement and successful accomplishment.

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#### JOHN S. SHIPTON.

Nature seems to have intended that man in more advanced years should enjoy a season of rest. In youth he possesses great zeal and energy which in manhood becomes tempered by judgment and determination and if his qualities are well exercised they bring him success, so that when evening of life comes he can put aside the more arduous duties and rest in enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Such has been the life of Mr. Shipton, who for many years was closely associated with agricultural interests in this part of the state but is now living retired in Carthage, occupying a pleasant and attractive home supplied with many of the comforts of life.

“How blessed is he who crowns in shades  
like these  
A youth of labor with an age of ease.”

Mr. Shipton was born in Beavertown, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1831, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Swengel) Shipton. His paternal grandparents came from England to America during the period of the Revolutionary war and, deserting the British army, the grandfather became a defender of the cause of American liberty. The parents of our subject were born in Union county, now Snyder county, Pennsylvania, as were the grandmother's people in the maternal line, some of the Swengel family being victims of the Wyoming massacre of 1778, a monument to the victims having recently been erected at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Thomas Shipton, the grandfather of our subject, was the first circuit judge of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, which then embraced Union, Lycoming and other counties in that section of Pennsylvania. John Shipton, the father, learned the blacksmith's trade in the Keystone state and during the latter part of the war of 1812 he worked at the gunsmith's trade at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, making guns and war accoutrements, but after the close of the war returned to his more peaceful occupation and afterward engaged in farming there to some extent. His last days, however, were spent in honorable retirement from labor and he died about thirty-four years ago when seventy-nine years of age, while his wife passed away about ten years ago. He was independent in politics and was always on the winning side at presidential elections, never losing a vote by supporting a candidate who was unsuccessful. His wife held membership in the Lutheran church. In their family were ten chil-

dren, of whom four are now living: Maria, the widow of Daniel Trester, of Overton, Ohio; John S.; Henry, of Delavan, Illinois; and Eliza, the wife of Charles Riple, residing at Beavertown, Pennsylvania. The parents were both buried in the cemetery at Beavertown, the mother being eighty-eight years of age.

John S. Shipton was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania but his attendance was of short duration. Schools at that time were largely conducted on the subscription plan. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade in the Keystone state and followed that pursuit and cabinet making until 1857, when he removed westward to Kansas, where he continued in the same line of business until 1861. He afterward devoted nineteen years to farming in Tazewell county, Illinois, and in the early spring of 1881 settled on a farm in Hancock county, where he carefully and successfully tilled the soil and harvested good crops until the 1st of December, 1898, when he retired from the farm and took up his abode in Carthage. He still owns the farm property, consisting of two hundred and sixty acres, together with a pretty residence on Adams and Buchanan streets, Carthage, where he is now living.

On the 9th of October, 1864, Mr. Shipton was married to Miss Elizabeth Jane Hummel, who was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, in 1838, a daughter of John and Hannah (Shawver) Hummel, also natives of the Keystone state. Her paternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812 and held official rank, carrying a sword which Mrs. Shipton has seen. Her brother, George Hummel, was a sol-



dier of the Civil war, enlisting from Illinois and serving for three years. John Hummel, father of Mrs. Shipton, was a farmer and in 1854 became a resident of Lewistown, Illinois, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, his death occurring about a month later. His wife long survived him, passing away in March, 1899, only lacking a few months of being one hundred years of age, her birth having occurred in 1799. She passed away in Webster county, Iowa, but her grave was made in the cemetery at Lewistown, Illinois, where her husband had been laid to rest many years before. They had eight children, of whom four are living: Lydia, the eldest, is the wife of Thomas Ellsworth, of Table Grove, Illinois, who came to Carthage with a company of volunteers from Fulton county, Illinois, during the Mormon troubles and camped near the city, being in camp there when Joseph and Hiram Smith, the Mormon prophets, were shot in the old jail. Catherine, the second member of the Hummel family, is the wife of David Deppler, of Webster county, Iowa. George is living in Webster City, Iowa. Mrs. Shipton is the youngest member of the family and by her marriage has become the mother of five children, all of whom were born in Tazewell county, Illinois, while four are yet living. Luther H., the eldest, educated in the public schools of Carthage, in early manhood purchased a grocery stock and is engaged in business at the corner of Jackson and Main streets as a dealer in staple and fancy groceries and queensware. His father is interested with him in the ownership of the store, which is on a most advantageous corner

of the business center of the city and their trade is extensive and profitable. Luther Shipton belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He was married February 1, 1893, to Miss Sadie Deitrick, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of John and Harriet (Kime) Deitrick, who were also natives of the Keystone state, whence they removed to a farm in Illinois. Both are deceased and were laid to rest in a cemetery of Dallas City. Their daughter, Sadie, became Mrs. Luther Shipton and passed away February 10, 1900, at the age of thirty-two years, her remains being interred in Carthage cemetery. She was an estimable lady, whose death was deeply deplored by her many friends. She left two children, Loveta and Lloyd, aged respectively eleven and eight years. They are now attending school and with their father they reside with his parents at the corner of Adams and Buchanan streets. Aurelia, the second member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shipton, is the wife of Jesse G. Waggoner, of Centralia, Missouri, and they have four children: George, Lizzie, Laone and Ida, all of whom are attending school, three being students in Carthage College. Elizabeth Shipton is the wife of E. S. Martin, of Carthage, and has two children: Aurelia S. and John Robert Martin. Carrie is the wife of Samuel Wingert, of Prairie township, Hancock county, and has three children: Violet, John LeRoy and Samuel Wingert.

Mr. Shipton is numbered among the men whom fortune has favored not from

caprice but in reward for earnest, persistent and honorable labor. In early life he worked many days for sixty-two and a half cents per day, later was paid a dollar and a quarter. He paid a dollar and a half for his board per week and provided for his other expenses. As the years advanced he saved from his earnings until he was enabled to purchase a farm and he made all of the improvements upon his Tazewell county property and added many improvements to his farm in Hancock county. He is still a strong, sturdy man, working in his garden and raising bees and though he is practically retired he yet manages to keep busy most of the time. During the summer of 1906 he made a beautifully carved and planned Hymn board for the Lutheran church, which contains upward of 150 different kinds of wood gathered by himself. His leisure is largely devoted to reading and he is well informed on all the questions and interests of the day. He has kept a diary of the weather and also the date of small fruit blossoming for many years and it is now a valuable record. He possesses a remarkable memory and in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime. Both he and his wife still enjoy good health and are among the most esteemed citizens of Carthage, having many friends here. His name is honored by reason of what he has accomplished and the methods which have wrought his success. He is interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual or moral progress of his community and his support of beneficial public measures is never of a lukewarm character, but is of the kind that is strong and steadfast.

#### THOMAS I. WALKER.

Thomas I. Walker, a retired farmer who, left an orphan in his youth and thus early thrown upon his own resources, has gained the success which crowns persistent and well directed effort, was born in Todd county, Kentucky, August 20, 1843, his parents being T. I. and Eliza (Waggoner) Walker. The parents died when their son was but a young lad. They were natives of Kentucky and the father followed the occupation of farming. In their family were eight children, of whom five are now living: James, Garnett and William, all of Kentucky; T. I., of this review; and Luda, the wife of W. O. Clark, of McDonough county, Illinois. Two of the brothers were soldiers of the Confederate army in the Civil war, St. Clair being killed in the first battle of Shiloh, while James, the eldest brother, served for four years with the southern troops.

T. I. Walker was brought to Carthage when about four years of age and lived with relatives until nine years old, attending the public schools during that period. He then went to live with his eldest sister, who had been married in the meantime and with her he remained until his own marriage. It was in 1867 that he wedded Miss Mary E. Atchison, who was born in this county October 3, 1845, a daughter of John and Margaret (Galloway) Atchison. The father was born in Ireland and came to America at an early day and was here married to Miss Galloway, whose birth occurred in Hancock county. He was a blacksmith by trade but followed farming in this state and both he and his wife passed away many

years ago. Mr. Atchison was a member of the Christian church at the time of his death and was an exceedingly quiet man, of retiring nature, but he possessed a kindly and generous spirit and was respected by all. Unto him and his wife was born but one child, Mrs. Walker.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Walker began their domestic life on a farm in Harmony township, where they lived for two years and then removed to another farm in St. Marys township, on which they resided for thirty-six years. Both places were improved and were brought under higher cultivation by the enterprise and labors of Mr. Walker, who for many years was accounted one of the leading, practical and progressive agriculturists of this part of the state. He carefully tilled his fields and thereby annually harvested good crops. He also raised good grades of stock and he placed substantial buildings upon his farm, together with all of the modern improvements. He added to his farm from time to time until it now contains about four hundred acres. In July, 1905, he removed to Carthage, where he purchased a pretty new home on North Adams street. He still retains possession of his farm, however, and also owns other land in the county.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Walker, responding to the call of the Union, enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment for about a year and participated in a few light skirmishes. For many years he gave his political allegiance to the republican party, but is now a strong prohibitionist. He has served as school director and path master, but has

accepted no other offices, preferring to leave office holding to others.

As the years passed by eight children were added to the family circle, all yet living and all natives of Hancock county. Homer, born June 22, 1868, and now residing on the farm on which his father settled at an early day, married Nellie White and has four children: Marian, Wendell, James and Lucile. Stella, born October 3, 1870, on the anniversary of her mother's birth, is now the wife of J. B. Johnson, a stock feeder residing in Carthage. Atchison, born June 7, 1873, and living on a farm in Hancock county, married Alberta Cloud and has two children: Aurelia and Harold. Gerald, born May 24, 1876, is in Montana. Geraldine, twin sister of Gerald, is the wife of J. E. Garnett, of Oklahoma and has two children. Pauline and Walker L. Maud, born January 14, 1879, is the wife of Don Cloud, a farmer of Nebraska and has one child, Don Cleophas. T. Orville, born May 24, 1882, married Josephine Engle and lives on a farm in Hancock county. Hilda, born May 8, 1885, acts as her father's housekeeper and is attending Carthage College. The children have all been provided with excellent educational privileges and have attended various colleges in the state of Illinois.

In 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Walker attended the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, Missouri, and had a most pleasant trip there and in the winter of 1904-5, with their youngest daughter, they went to California and had just got comfortably settled there when Mrs. Walker became ill with a cancerous trouble which had never been manifest before. After a

very brief illness of three weeks she passed away February 1, 1905. She was a loving wife, a fond mother, a dutiful daughter and a kind friend and her many excellent traits of character won her the confidence and love of all who knew her. Her remains were brought back to Hancock county for interment and she was laid to rest February 7, 1905. Many years will have passed, however, before she is forgotten or before her influence ceases to be felt by those who knew her. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and her life exemplified her Christian faith. Mr. Walker also belongs to the same church, in which he has held several offices.

Early denied the parental care which most boys receive with its attendant privileges and careful guidance, Mr. Walker has, though dependent upon his own resources, not only worked his way upward to success but has also developed a character which makes him one of the honored and respected citizens of Carthage and his example proves what may be accomplished when one has determination and energy—qualities which may be cultivated by all.

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#### ALEXANDER WELLINGTON BOS- COW.

A. W. Boscow, one of the oldest grocery merchants of Carthage whose business integrity and activity stand as unquestioned facts in his career and make him a citizen of worth who is accorded

respect and honor, was born on the Isle of Man off the coast of England in 1840. His paternal grandfather, Nicholas Boscow, served in the war against the French in the early part of the nineteenth century, being under command of the Duke of Wellington in the engagements against Napoleon Bonaparte. The gun which he carried is now in possession of A. W. Boscow and is very highly prized. Nicholas Boscow, Jr., father of our subject, was born in England and was there married to Miss Alice Newell, a native of the same country. He was a merchant and shipper of wheat, owning his own vessel, which made trips between Peel and Liverpool. He came to America by way of New Orleans in an old-time sailing vessel in 1842; being about three months and two weeks on the water. He bought land near Warsaw, Illinois, having made his way northward to Hancock county and after remaining there for a year or more went to Buffalo, New York, to investigate property interests and business prospects there. He soon became ill, however, and died in that city. He held membership in the Church of England, to which his wife also belonged. She continued to live for some years on a farm with her children but spent her last days in the home of her son, A. W. Boscow, from whom she received a most devoted filial care, attention and love. He also took great pride in his mother, for she was a most remarkable old lady and she died at his home in the spring of 1894, her remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. She was ninety-six years of age, her death occurring very suddenly. Only once did she complain of feeling a little dizzy.

Early in the morning, however, she expressed a desire to see the Rev. Hyde, a beloved preacher of Carthage, who came and offered up a touching and befitting prayer in behalf of this dear old lady and in closing said: "May this dear soul have an abundant and happy entrance into the joy of her Lord," and as he said Amen. the life of this good woman went out as though her soul were carried onward upon the spirit of prayer. She had been a faithful friend, a kind neighbor and a most devoted and loving mother and she was a general favorite among her many acquaintances. Her children who lived were five in number, seven having died before her death: George, a merchant living at Oakland, California; John H., a land dealer of Garnett, Kansas; Peter, a farmer of Hillsboro, Oregon; Mrs. Alice Deatley, living at Base Line, Missouri, and A. W. of this review. The son John was drafted twice for service in the Civil war but both times sent substitutes, the first time paying seven hundred and fifty dollars and the last time nine hundred dollars.

A. W. Boscow acquired his early education in Breckenridge, Illinois, and worked upon his mother's farm until he had attained his majority. He then went to the gold mines of California and Oregon, spending much of his time for fourteen years in the latter state in search of the precious metal. Following his return to Illinois he located in Warsaw, where he conducted a general grocery store for seven years and in 1886 removed to Carthage, where he was engaged in the grocery business on Main street for twenty years. He has a large trade and with one excep-

tion is the oldest grocery merchant in the city in years of continuous connection with the trade. His business methods are unassailable, being characterized by promptness and integrity and many of his early patrons have remained with him throughout the passing years, showing that he has their confidence and trust.

In 1874 Mr. Boscow was married to Miss Clara Spillman, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Spillman, natives of Virginia who came to Illinois at an early day. Her father was a carpenter and lived in Warsaw, Illinois, Hancock county, for a number of years but both he and his wife are now deceased and their four children have now all passed away. Mrs. Boscow died in 1887 and is buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. She was a devoted Christian woman and a member of the Episcopal church. By this marriage there were three children, but only one is now living, Anna R. Boscow, who is now the wife of Frederick Reynolds, of Seattle, Washington.

In 1890 A. W. Boscow was married to Miss Louisa Scott, of Carthage, who was born in Warsaw, Illinois, and was a daughter of Major John and Louisa (Frazier) Scott. Her father was born in North Carolina in 1801 and her mother in Kentucky, January 8, 1816. Mr. Scott was a Mason and for some years meetings of the lodge were held in his home. For a long period he was a leading merchant of Warsaw, conducting a successful business there until his death on the 30th of April, 1865. His wife long survived him, passing away in August, 1900, when she was laid to rest by his side in Warsaw cemetery. Only two of

their children are now living: John F. Scott, who is assistant county treasurer and makes his home in Carthage; and Mary, the wife of George Rogers, of Warsaw, Illinois. Mrs. Louisa Boscow died in 1897 and was buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. In 1898 Mr. Boscow was married to Mrs. Frances E. Dickey Cherry, the widow of Edward Cherry. She was born in Illinois and has one son by her first marriage, Edward Cherry, who is now living in Pecos valley, Mexico. Mr. Boscow lives in a beautiful home in the east part of the city on Main street, having erected the residence about eight years ago. His wife also owns some property here. His has been a creditable business record in which he has allowed no obstacle to deter him in his advance toward the goal of success. He has regarded every difficulty as a stimulus for renewed effort and closer application and in these ways he has achieved what he has undertaken and is now one of the leading merchants of the city who, through his persistency and determination, has secured many of the comforts of life. Matters of municipal and local pride are of deep interest to him and he co-operates in many measures which have direct bearing upon the upbuilding and welfare of the city. He is a man full worthy of the respect of those with whom he has come in contact and his friends are almost as numerically strong as his acquaintances. He and his worthy wife full well merit all the good things of this life and of the life to come, which should be the reward of all those who live an upright life. They are held in the highest esteem by their many friends.

## EZEKIEL RUCKER.

Ezekiel Rucker is a retired farmer living at the corner of Scofield and Locust streets in Carthage and although about eighty years of age he keeps his home place in a most neat and attractive condition. He was born in Crittenden, Grant county, Kentucky, in 1827, his parents being Morning and Julia (Reese) Rucker, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father dealt extensively in horses, which he shipped to the New Orleans market. At an early day he removed to Kentucky, where he continued in active business but both he and his wife passed away many years ago, their remains being interred in an Illinois cemetery. Mr. Rucker was a democrat in his political views, and his wife was a member of the Methodist church. In their family were seven children.

E. Rucker of this review is now the only surviving member of the family, and in the year 1837, when a youth of ten summers, he accompanied his parents on their removal from Kentucky to Schuyler county, Illinois. There he acquired his education in one of the old-time subscription schools, the building being a little log structure with puncheon floor, slab seats and mud and stick chimney. There were no nails used in its construction, even in making the roof and the little room was poorly lighted. The methods of instruction were very primitive, too, but he succeeded in learning the common branches of learning and afterward took up the cooper's trade in Schuyler county. Later he engaged in farming there on his own account until 1864, when he sold his

property and removed to Hancock county, settling in Carthage township on a farm of two hundred and twenty acres of arable and productive land. He then carried on general farming and stock-raising until 1884, when he retired from active business life. Up to this time he had kept his fields under a very high state of cultivation and added many modern improvements to his property and had carried on the work of development until his farm was one of the best in this part of the state. As the years passed, through the sale of his crops he added annually to his income and possessing a comfortable competence, removed to the city of Carthage, building a dwelling at the corner of Scofield and Locust streets.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Rucker chose in early manhood Miss Pauline De Lashmutt, to whom he was married February 29, 1849. She was born in North Carolina in 1826, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John De Lashmutt, who located in Rushville, Schuyler county, Illinois, prior to 1837, being among the early settlers of that county, where the father followed farming as a means of livelihood. When called to their final rest he and his wife were buried in Schuyler county. In their family were seven children, the surviving members being Ananias, Thomas, William and Frank, all of whom are residents of Kansas; and Mrs. Rucker. Thomas De Lashmutt was a soldier of the Sixteenth Volunteer Infantry throughout the Civil war and was under command of General Sherman. Mr. and Mrs. Rucker have never had any children of their own but out of the goodness of their hearts

have reared two, Adaline and Brown. The latter is the wife of George Elliott, a resident of Missouri, and has seven children. The former became the wife of Thomas Metcalf and is now in California. She separated from her first husband and she has since married Mr. Burrell. She has three children, Willie, Arthur and Stella.

Mr. Rucker is a democrat and has served as school director and as road supervisor but has never been very active in politics, preferring that others shall hold office. He was one of the early members of the Masonic lodge in Hancock county and at all times has been true to the teachings of the craft. Although nearly eighty years of age he is very active. He is a man of quiet disposition but has been a great reader and is an intelligent gentleman, well informed on current events. His success has been acquired entirely through his own efforts and he is now in comfortable circumstances. He and his wife have been married for more than fifty-seven years—a remarkable fact—and they enjoy the respect of friends and neighbors in large measure. Mr. Rucker receives the veneration and esteem which should always be accorded one advanced in years, whose life has been worthily spent.

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#### JAMES E. MORRISON.

James E. Morrison, engaged in general farming and stock-raising near Hamilton, has been assistant state veterinary surgeon since 1890 and is widely known by

reason of his official service and his activity in his private business affairs. He was born in Madison county, Ohio, March 31, 1844, and represents one of the old families of Pennsylvania, in which state his grandfather, Ross Morrison, was born. William R. Morrison, father of our subject, was likewise a native of the Keystone state and having arrived at years of maturity was married at Plains City, Union county, Ohio, to Miss Relief C. Hager, a native of Vermont and a daughter of Amos Hager, also of that state. Mr. and Mrs. William R. Morrison began their domestic life upon a farm near Plains City, Ohio, where they resided until October, 1850, and then started for Illinois, making the journey by wagon. They were nearly four weeks upon the road to Hamilton and they spent the winter in a log cabin about two and a half miles south of this city. In the spring of 1851 they removed to a rented place in Wythe township, where they lived for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Morrison bought one hundred acres of land on section 34, Montebello township. It was unimproved save that a small shanty had been built thereon. It was not fenced, however, and he fenced it, dug wells, built barns and generally improved the place, making it a good farm, while the fields responded readily to the care and labor he bestowed upon them. His attention was devoted to general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1889, while his wife passed away in 1899. In their family was a daughter, Mollie, who is now the wife of John A. Price.

James E. Morrison, the elder of the two

children of his father's family, was a little lad of six summers when the trip was made across the country from Ohio to Illinois. He attended the common schools of Montebello township and in the summer months worked in the fields, sharing in all of the labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He was eighteen years of age when on the 12th of August, 1862, he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Mississippi and he was in all of its battles with the exception of that of Thompson's Hill on the 1st of May, 1863. He sustained several gun-shot wounds, but would remain in the hospital only long enough to have his wounds heal. On the 21st of August, 1865, he received an honorable discharge and with a creditable military record returned to his home. He then resumed farming upon his father's place and having assisted the veterinary surgeon of the army, he has since practiced the profession in connection with the occupation of farming and since the year 1900 has been assistant state veterinary surgeon. In 1874 he bought fifty acres of the home farm, whereon he erected a house and barn and he has since added to the property until he now has one hundred acres, while his wife also owns one hundred acres. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, keeping horses, cattle and hogs, and in the development of the fields he uses the latest improved machinery and annually harvests good crops.

On the 15th of April, 1875, Mr. Mor-



rierson was married to Miss Lydia Darnell, who was born in Warsaw, Illinois, February 26, 1856, and attended the common schools. Her parents were Caleb and Mary (Tremble) Darnell, both of whom were natives of Kentucky and at an early day became residents of Warsaw, Illinois. In the family were the following children: Bertha, who died in infancy; Mamie; Nellie, the wife of Harry Dennis, of Hamilton and the mother of one daughter; Arthur, Fred, William, Ray, Elta and Gwendolyn, all at home. Mr. Morrison casts his ballot for the men and measures of the Republican party and has filled a number of offices, serving twice as collector and also in the positions of constable and school director. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter, council and commandery, his affiliation being with the commandery at Keokuk. He is a member of the Christian church and the principles which have permeated his life are those which work for good citizenship and for intellectual and moral progress.

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#### HON. O. F. BERRY.

Hon. O. F. Berry was born at Table Grove, McDonough county, Illinois, February 16, 1852. He is a son of Lee Berry, a native of Virginia, who, coming to Illinois, settled upon a farm in McDonough county, where he resided until his death. By his first marriage he had two children, but the younger of these, John Berry, was killed while serv-

ing in the navy in the Civil war. The elder, Charles L. Berry, who served in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Mounted Infantry until the close of the Civil war, is now a contractor of Wichita, Kansas. After losing his first wife he married Martha McConnell, a native of Pennsylvania. O. F. Berry is the elder son of the second marriage and his brother, M. P. Berry, is equally well known in Carthage as a lawyer and banker. The father died in 1858 and the mother in 1860, their remains being interred at Table Grove, Illinois.

O. F. Berry was educated in the common schools in Fountain Green township, Hancock county, and in early life and until he was twenty-one years of age he worked by the month as a farm hand. After his marriage he purchased a small farm and lived upon it one year. In 1875 he came to Carthage and took up the study of law in the office of Mack & Baird, attorneys of this city. Following his admission to the bar he immediately formed a partnership with Judge Thomas C. Sharp, now deceased, and later the firm became Sharp & Berry Brothers. He has practiced continuously in all the courts of Hancock county from that time to the present and has conducted important litigation in the federal and state courts with gratifying success, winning well earned fame and distinction. He believes in the maxim, "There is no excellence without labor," and follows it closely. About six years ago his brother, M. P. Berry, retired from the firm and O. F. Berry is practicing as the senior member of the firm of Berry, McCrary & Kelly.

His attention, however, has not been confined exclusively to his legal interests, for in 1903 he joined his brother, M. P. Berry, in establishing and opening the Dime Savings Bank, of which he is president and M. P. Bery is cashier. He is also president and general manager of the Mississippi Valley Telephone Company and was a trustee and attorney for Carthage College for fifteen or sixteen years.

His political history has become a matter of state record. He was chairman of the republican state convention in 1896 and 1906. He was the first mayor of Carthage, serving for three terms, from 1888 until 1894, and is again the chief executive of the city at this writing, in 1906. In 1888 he was elected to the state senate, wherein he served continuously until 1900 and then, after an interval of two years, was elected to fill a vacancy and re-elected in 1904. He is president pro tem. of the senate, was acting governor from August 27th to September 4, 1906, and is one of the recognized political leaders of the state. It will be observed that his turn of mind is eminently judicial and free from the bias of animosity. Strong and positive in his republicanism, his party fealty is not grounded on partisan prejudice and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all his associates, irrespective of party. Of the great issues which divide the two political organizations, with their roots extending down to the very bed rock of the foundations of the republic, he has the true statesman's grasp. Well grounded in the political maxims of the schools, he has also studied the lessons of actual life, arriving at his conclusions as a result of

what may be called his post-graduate studies in the school of affairs. He was general attorney for the insurance department of the state under Governor Tanner's administration. He was special attorney of the Lake Front cases in Chicago for Attorney General Hamlin and chairman of the special committee of the senate in 1897 to investigate Chicago police management and justice courts. He was likewise chairman of the senate committee to investigate the Globe Savings Bank and the treasurer of the university school fund under Governor Altgeld's administration. At the present writing he is receiver of the Peoria National Bank.

On the 5th of March, 1873, Senator Berry was married to Miss Anna R. Barr, of Fountain Green, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1850, a daughter of David and Jane (Barr) Barr. Her father was a mechanic, who prior to the Civil war removed to Iowa and about 1865 came to Illinois. He enlisted in Iowa as a member of the Union army and served throughout the period of hostilities. He followed his trade in Illinois until his death in 1870 and his wife passed away in Carthage in 1902. They were faithful members of the United Presbyterian church. They had five children, of whom four daughters are living: Elizabeth, who is the widow of John S. Duffy and resides in Carthage; Mary A., who is the widow of William T. Campbell and lives in this city; Nannie J., of Carthage; and Laura, the wife of William T. Duffy, of Waverly, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry became the parents of five children, one born in Fountain Green and four in Carthage. Of this

number three died in infancy, while two lived to be fourteen years of age and all are buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. They now have an adopted daughter, Lenore, who at the age of twelve years is attending the high school of Carthage. In 1897 Mr. Berry built his beautiful modern residence on Walnut street. He also owns much other property in the city and county. He himself built eleven of the new houses that were erected in Carthage in 1905 and he has built and sold altogether thirty homes. In connection with his other interests the firm of which he is a member is conducting a real estate business. Mr. Berry is a Royal Arch Mason and is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and he was chairman of the building committee at the time of the erection of the two new churches that have been built in the last five years, the former one having been destroyed by fire. He has been again and again chosen trustee of the church and has long served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He takes a most active and helpful part in church work, contributing generously of his means to its support and giving freely of his time and attention to further its development and extend the scope of its activities. He is frequently called upon to make addresses to the Men's League and his labors have been of direct and immediate serviceableness in the church work. His wife has been treasurer of the missionary society for many years. She also belongs to the Woman's Club and to the society of the Daughters of the

American Revolution. He has been prosperous in his business affairs, yet there is no man in Carthage who respects wealth for wealth's sake as little as he does. His means, however, have enabled him to be a generous contributor to many charities and good works and he never fails to lend a helping hand when solicited to do so. He belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. He is naturally of a quiet and retiring disposition and has not been an active seeker for the glamor of publicity, but his rare aptitude and ability in achieving results make him constantly sought and often bring him into a prominence from which he would naturally shrink were less desirable ends in view.

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#### HENRY C. BYLER.

Henry C. Byler, a representative farmer of Durham, his native township, was born August 30, 1855, his parents being David and Matilda Catherine (Cunningham) Byler. The father, a native of Tennessee, was a son of John and Sarah (Hayworth) Byler and was born November 6, 1819. His life record covered more than the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, as he passed away

on the 2d of April, 1894, when in the seventy-fifth year of his age. He lived a successful farmer in Adams county, Illinois, from 1836 until 1851. In the spring of 1851 he purchased the homestead at Durham Centre now occupied by his widow and removed to Hancock county, where he resided until his demise. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 9, Durham township. Prospering in his undertakings, so that his financial resources increased, he bought more land from time to time until he became the owner of twelve hundred acres of as fine land as can be found in Illinois. He thus won a place among the substantial residents of the state and his life record was indeed commendable, as his success came as the legitimate result of carefully directed effort and honorable dealing. For over thirty-one years he was a member in good standing of Dallas City lodge No. 235, A. F. & A. M., and filled nearly all of its offices. His early political support was given the republican party but he afterward joined the ranks of the democracy. For more than a half century he was a member of the old school Baptist church, which he joined in Adams county in 1840. He held all of the leading offices in the church and he donated a part of his home farm as a church site and erected thereon a nice frame structure to be used as a house of worship by the Baptist denomination. This was in 1881 and the building is still put to its original use. He was very liberal, the poor and needy finding in him a warm friend, while in many other ways he displayed his generosity. His fellow townsmen gave evidence of their appreciation of his worth

and ability by electing him to many positions of public trust. For over fourteen years he served as county supervisor. For the long period of thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace and for twenty-eight years was township treasurer. He was ever faithful to the trust reposed in him and his long continuance in office indicated the implicit confidence given him by those who knew him. He was a man honored and respected by all and was most highly esteemed where he was best known. His wife, Matilda C. Byler, died April 12, 1857, and was buried in Durham cemetery, the subject of this review being at that time only two years of age. She was his second wife and there were born to this union four children, of whom Henry C., is the youngest. The others are: Gracie Jane, who became the wife of Calvin Stiles and died in La Harpe in September, 1899; and Joseph and George W., both deceased.

Henry C. Byler, the only surviving member of this family, was educated in the district schools of Durham township and remained at home until twenty-one years of age, after which he engaged in farming on his own account on his father's land for nine years. He was married at the age of twenty-one to Miss Emma J. Toof, who was born in Durham township, October 20, 1859, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Atherton) Toof. The father was born in Franklin county, Vermont, February 29, 1820, and the mother in Ohio, July 24, 1823. Her death occurred in 1877. At an early day they became residents of Hancock county, settling on a farm, and in their family were seven children: Henry, living in Ne-

braska; Ella, the wife of John Heisler, who is represented elsewhere in this work; Daniel, of Nebraska; Emma J., now Mrs. Ramsay, of Dallas City; John W., of California; Kate, the wife of William Phipps, of Oklahoma; and Clara, the wife of David Shain, of California.

After living in Durham Centre on his father's farm for nine years Mr. Byler received as a gift from his father one hundred and sixty acres of good land on section 33, Durham township. There was a house upon this place, which he has since improved, making it a comfortable modern residence. He has also added many other equipments and improvements to the farm and he has now a valuable property of one hundred and forty acres which is under a high state of cultivation. At one time, following his second marriage, he engaged in the hardware business in Dallas City for two years.

On the 13th day of July, 1899, Mr. Byler was married to Mrs. Anna E. Hamilton, who was born in Pontoosuc township, June 16, 1867, and is a daughter of F. C. and Nancy (McAuley) Little, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York. Both came to Illinois in 1829 and they were nineteen years of age at the time of their marriage. Mr. Little was a farmer by occupation, thus providing for the support of his family. In his political views he was an earnest republican and held a number of township offices. His wife died at the old home in Pontoosuc township in 1877 and the father is still living upon that place. In their family were eleven children, of whom eight yet survive, namely: Melissa, the wife of J. A. Lamb, of Pontoosuc township; Martin

L., living in the same township; Arthur and Samuel I., who are resident farmers of that township; Mary, the wife of H. H. Longshie, of Pontoosuc township; Mrs. Byler; Flora, the wife of Robert Alston, living near Hamilton, Illinois; and Frank G., of Dallas City. In early womanhood Anna E. Little gave her hand in marriage to Thomas B. Hamilton, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, in 1864, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, of Blandinsville, both of whom are now deceased. Their only child was Thomas B. Hamilton, a most respected and worthy citizen of Hancock county, who died in 1897 and was buried in Pontoosuc township. He left three children who are now living with Mr. and Mrs. Byler, namely: Mabel G., born July 18, 1888; Otis F., born August 16, 1890; and Anna Irene, March 7, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Byler are now the parents of one child, Velna G., born July 7, 1903. By his first marriage Mr. Byler had four children. Frank L., the eldest, born September 24, 1878, and now living in Durham township, married Miss Georgiana B. Lamb and they have three children, Vera, Naysee and an infant son. Ressa V. Byler, who attended the high school of Dallas City and is a graduate of the high school of Aurora, Nebraska, of the class of 1902, makes her home in Nebraska but is now engaged in teaching in the high school of Dallas City. Joseph I., born September 30, 1887, died May 4, 1891. Versel, born July 5, 1894, is a student in Dallas City high school. Both Mr. and Mrs. Byler hold membership in the Baptist church and he is a member of Burnside Lodge 385, A. F. & A. M. of

Burnside. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, while his political allegiance is given to the democracy. He has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, preferring to devote his time and energies to his business affairs. He is recognized in the community as a good neighbor and as an enterprising industrious man, who has made a creditable record in his business life and who enjoys the respect and esteem of many friends.

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#### JACOB REISELT.

Jacob Reiselt, whose position in public regard and affection is indicated by the fact that to his many friends he is known as Uncle Jake, resides on a farm in Durham township near La Harpe and is classed with the prominent and representative residents of the community. He was born in Germany, March 1, 1829. His parents, Jacob and Anna (Sponer) Reiselt, were also natives of that country and in the year 1842 came to America, landing at New York, after a voyage of thirty-nine days made on the ship *Oneida*. They settled in Franklin county, Ohio, near Columbus, taking up their abode upon a farm there in the month of August. Six months later the father purchased a farm of forty-two acres in Hamilton township, Franklin county, where he carried on farming for many years or throughout his remaining days, his death occurring in October, 1885. His wife survived until 1890 and was then laid to

rest by his side in Walnut Hill church cemetery in Ohio. Mr. Reiselt had served for six years in the German army in his native country. Emigrating to America he became a loyal son of his adopted country and as the years passed by his carefully conducted business interests brought to him a gratifying measure of success. Unto him and his wife were born seven sons and five daughters and of their family four sons and three daughters are yet living, namely: Henry, living in Oakland, Ohio; Waltham, of Columbus, Ohio; Jacob, of this review; Lewis, of Nebraska; Bina, the wife of Charles Kale, of Columbus, Ohio; Elizabeth, the wife of John Gates, also of Columbus; and Mary, the wife of John Claud, living near Ohio's capital city.

Jacob Reiselt at the usual age entered the public schools of his native country and there pursued his studies until fourteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their voyage to the new world. He remained at home until seventeen years of age and then started out in life on his own account, working by the month as a farm hand for Jeremiah Clark, near Columbus, Ohio, with whom he remained for ten years—a fact which is indicative of his capable service and the trust reposed in him by his employer. He was married December 18, 1852, to Miss Elizabeth Wetherington, who was born near Columbus, Ohio, in 1824, a daughter of William and Maggie (Helscher) Wetherington, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. They went to Ohio at an early day and there Mr. Wetherington engaged in teaching school and in farming. He served as a

soldier of the war of 1812, holding the rank of captain, and in the community where he lived was recognized as a prominent and influential citizen. In his family were ten children but only two are now living: Rebecca, the wife of Lewis Hartzell, of La Harpe; and Sarah, who resides with her sister. The parents died and were buried in Ohio.

Following his marriage Mr. Reiselt purchased one hundred acres of good farm land in Ohio, where he remained until after the close of the war and then came to Illinois, locating in Durham township on the 5th of March, 1866. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of improved land on section 23 and he has since carried on farm work. He has largely remodeled and improved the house, has built fences, planted orchards and has from time to time added to his place until he now has one hundred and sixty acres, one of the best farms in the township. He has carried on general agricultural pursuits and in his business affairs has prospered owing to his capable management and well-directed energy.

In 1899 Mr. Reiselt was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away on the 1st of May of that year at the age of seventy-four and was laid to rest in La Harpe cemetery. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reiselt as well as their parents were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, to which they always adhered. Mrs. Reiselt was a devoted wife and mother and kind neighbor and possessed many excellent traits of heart and mind which endeared her to all with whom she was associated. She left five children, two sons and three daughters, all born

in Franklin county, Ohio. Henry, the eldest, born in 1853, married Rose Ketcham, of Elvaston, Hancock county, Illinois, and they have seven children: Melvin, Ivy, Sherman, Mabel, Myrtle, Hazel, and an infant son. William, born in 1855, married Arrissa Smith and lives near La Crosse. Effie, born in 1857, is at home with her father. Mary, born in 1861, is the wife of Sherman Broadfield, of Durham township, and has two children, Bonnet and Ogle. Margrettie, born in 1865, is at home.

Mr. Reiselt has lived a life of diligence and industry and has now a valuable farm property as the result of his well-directed labor. He has a natural spring upon his farm better than any windmill, over which he has built his milk house, and he keeps from thirty to thirty-five good milch cows, thus conducting quite an extensive dairy business. In Ohio his home was a log cabin and for forty-two years he has resided continuously upon his present farm in Hancock county. Everything about the place is kept in good condition and indicates his careful supervision and capable management. In politics he is a democrat and has held a number of township offices, the duties of which he ever discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was road supervisor for six years, school trustee for twenty-seven years and path master for twelve years. Although he has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey he is still very active and possesses a wonderful memory, while in the community no man stands higher in the general regard than does Uncle Jake Reiselt.

## LEWIS MARTIN MYERS.

Lewis M. Myers is a general stockman, feeding and raising high bred horses and cattle upon a farm in Pontoosuc township and his business qualifications and unabating energy argue well for a successful future. He was born in the township where he still resides, May 16, 1872, and is the ninth in order of birth in a family of fifteen children whose parents are Charles H. and Anna (Dustman) Myers, both of whom are natives of Germany, the father having been born July 2, 1836, and the mother in October, 1844. C. H. Myers was a lad of seven years when brought to the United States and for forty-two years has lived in Hancock county, his home being continuously in or near Pontoosuc township. He married Anna Dustman near Burlington, Iowa, who was a maiden of eleven summers when she crossed the Atlantic. She is a daughter of Henry Dustman, who for many years lived near Burlington as a farmer and later in life was a fruit grower and gardener south of the city. She is a sister of Henry Dustman, whose family history is in the Biographical Review of Des Moines County, Iowa. Their children are: Mary, the wife of J. S. Massie, of Pontoosuc township; Harman, living at West Point, Iowa; Emma, at Port Arthur, Texas; William, deceased; Martha, the wife of William Pomeroy, of Alveston, Illinois; Elizabeth, at home; Lena, the wife of George W. Jones, of Rock Creek township; Anna, the wife of Fred Smith, a rice farmer of Port Arthur, Texas; L. M., of this review; Henry, of Washington; Charles, of Rock Creek township;

Fredric, who is with our subject; Virgie, at home; Hugh, living in Dallas township; and Fay, who is with her parents.

Having attended the district school near his father's farm Lewis M. Myers afterward spent one term as a student in Elliott Business College, at Burlington, Iowa, in 1892, and following his return home assisted in the work of the fields until twenty-one years of age. Subsequently he operated one of his father's farms for several years, thus starting out in life on his own account.

On the 16th of October, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of L. M. Myers and Miss Nancy Rice, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1868, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Spears) Rice, likewise natives of the Keystone state and now residents of Durham township, this county, aged respectively seventy-four and sixty-three years. Of their five children four are now living: Alice, the wife of Grant Schultz, of Durham township; Mrs. Myers; Charles, a farmer of Durham township; and Mrs. Barbara Doss, of Durham township. One daughter, Ada, died when five years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers now live on one of his father's farms, and in December, 1904, he purchased eighty acres of land across the road from his home on section 22, Pontoosuc township. He tills the soil and also raises and feeds horses and cattle, and his stock-raising interests are a most important branch of his business. For about nine years Mr. Myers has been one of the leading horse breeders in this part of the county, being particularly interested in Percheron horses, and now has



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at the head of his stud, Cæsar (No. 54038) his French Register Number,—his American Register Number being 40523. He was imported from France in 1904, at the age of two years, and has been owned by Mr. Myers since November 1, 1904. Besides being highly bred he is a fine individual, weighing over 2,100 at four years. He also has a large number of fine mares and raises a high bred stock himself. He also has had full blood Chester hogs and Angus cattle but devotes his time now to his horses and cattle feeding. He was one of the organizers of Camp Creek Prospecting Co. that is locating the coal in this section, Mr. Myers having gone through a three-foot vein of good coal in drilling his well. He is one of the directors of the company, which intend to develop the mine. His success is entirely attributable to his own efforts and the assistance of his estimable wife. Careful of expenditures, managing his property ably and with keen foresight, he has made considerable progress on the high way of success and will continue on that road until he reaches the goal of prosperity.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Myers has been blessed with three children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Their three sons are: Millard Rice, born October 30, 1896; Charles Byard, February 16, 1899; and Paul Lewis, August 28, 1900. Mrs. Myers belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church but for convenience Mr. and Mrs. Myers attend the United Brethren church. He is a democrat in his political views and has been school director for six years and has also filled the office of township col-

lector. At all times he manifests a public-spirited interest in the general welfare and upbuilding and is an intelligent and respected citizen whose well-spent life is indicated by the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him longest.

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#### COLONEL BENJAMIN F. MARSH.

By the consensus of public opinion in the state and nation in the death of Colonel Benjamin Franklin Marsh, Illinois lost one of her greatest sons. He was nine times chosen to represent his district in congress and his career at all times was characterized by a steady progress in military, political and professional circles. The simplicity of his life, the breadth of his vision, the loftiness of his purpose, the extent of the work that he accomplished in legislative halls, all combined to win for him the respect, honor and gratitude of his fellowmen. The measure of his ability and personal worth is perhaps best indicated by the fact that he numbered his warmest friends among the most distinguished statesmen of the country.

Benjamin Franklin Marsh was moreover a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Wythe township, Hancock county, November 19, 1835, and the house in which he first opened his eyes to the light of day is still standing. Moreover the portion of the farm on which the building is located is still owned by the family. His boyhood days

were fraught with the vicissitudes, experiences and environments of pioneer life and he early became familiar with all of the labor incident to the development and improvement of a farm. His education was acquired in private schools. He was for a brief period a student in Palmyra, Missouri, and the indignities which he there saw heaped upon the colored youth fired his sense of justice and left upon him an indelible impression which bore fruit in the service which he gave for the Union and for liberty during the dark days of the Civil War. He continued his education by four years' study in Jubilee College under Bishop Chase and there was awakened in him that keen appreciation for right and justice which was ever a dominant element in his career. He completed the work of the junior year in college and then took up the study of law under the direction of his brother, Judge J. W. Marsh (now deceased), with whom he was subsequently associated in the practice of his profession subsequent to his admission to the bar in 1860. It was a momentous period in the history of Illinois and the nation, the country having become aroused over the slavery question and the threats of secession and it may well be imagined that the young man took a keen interest in all of the great events of that time. Political questions were the dominant theme of interest where men collected together and Colonel Marsh entered heart and soul into the political movements, taking a firm stand in support of the new Republican party even at a time when it was unpopular to do so. In the year of his

admission to the bar he accepted the Republican nomination for state's attorney in a district comprising Adams and Hancock counties, which was then strongly democratic. He canvassed both counties, his successful opponent being the late Calvin A. Warren, then a distinguished lawyer of Western Illinois. In his home city, Warsaw, Colonel Marsh was more fortunate in his candidacy and served for a period as city clerk and also represented Warsaw on the board of supervisors from 1867 until 1869. In the latter year he was nominated for membership in the state constitutional convention of 1870, but his republican proclivities occasioned his defeat in a strongly democratic district.

In the meantime Colonel Marsh had devoted four years of his life to active military service. He had watched with keen interest the progress of events in the south and all the patriotism of his nature was aroused by the firing upon Fort Sumter and the attempt to disrupt the Union. When war was proclaimed he raised a company of cavalry and, going to Springfield, tendered its services to Governor Yates, but as cavalry was not included in President Lincoln's call the company was not accepted. On his way home from the state capital Colonel Marsh found the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment rendezvoused at Quincy and immediately enlisted as a private, but was soon afterward chosen quartermaster. When with the regiment at Monroe Station, Missouri, he received a telegram from Governor Yates on the 4th of July, 1861, saying that his cavalry company would be accepted. Returning at once to War-

saw, Colonel Marsh recruited the company and in August, with his men, proceeded to Springfield, where the command was mustered in as Company G of the Second Illinois Cavalry. Mr. Marsh was chosen captain in August, 1861, and promotions came to him from time to time in recognition of gallant and meritorious service. He was commissioned major August 30, 1862, lieutenant colonel May 3, 1864, colonel August 29, 1865, and served continuously until January, 1866, having campaigned in every seceding state except Virginia and the two Carolinas. Four times he was wounded by gun shot and he carried some of the lead to his grave. Those who served under him tell that he was a fearless and brilliant officer, never faltering in the performance of any duty and inspiring his men by his own valor and loyalty. Perhaps one of the most notable examples of his innate personal courage was his refusal to obey his superior officer at Holly Springs when the latter surrendered, Colonel Marsh and his command cutting their way through the rebel lines. He never ceased to feel a deep interest in the military organizations of the country and had a warm feeling of friendship for his comrades in arms.

When the preservation of the Union had become an assured fact and his aid was no longer needed at the front Colonel Marsh returned to Warsaw and resumed the practice of law, continuing an active and able member of the bar until his election to congress in 1876. From that time forward his attention was given almost exclusively to important public service and he left the impress of his individ-

uality upon national legislation. He had in 1866 been the nominee for the candidacy of the Republican party in his district for congress and again in 1872 and the fatal illness of his wife terminated in death on the day of the republican convention in the latter year, so that Colonel Marsh was unable to attend. In 1876, having secured the nomination, Colonel Marsh entered into the campaign with the same determination and loyal spirit that ever characterized him in everything that he undertook. In the convention each county of the district except Mercer had a candidate and Colonel Marsh secured the nomination on the twenty-fifth ballot. He was not only elected in that year but again in 1878 and 1880, his services during his first term being of such a beneficial nature that the party rallied to his support as the standard bearer in the two succeeding elections. Then came a factional fight in the party and he retired from office on the close of his third term, March 3, 1883. He was in 1892 strongly recommended by many of his friends for the candidate for governor. In the same year, however, others urged him to again become a candidate for congress. He carefully studied the situation and was on the eve of refusal, but the influence of recognized party leaders who knew his strength prevailed upon him and he was once more nominated and elected, at that time serving, through re-election, for four consecutive terms. In 1900 he was defeated, but in 1902 was again elected to congress and once more in 1904, so that he was serving as a member of the house at the time of his death. In the latter

campaigns the state of his health prevented him from active participation, but each election showed good returns in support of Colonel Marsh, who was thus nine times called to represent his district in the council chambers of the nation. During the interval of ten years he was out of congress he served for four years on the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commission through appointment in 1889 from Governor Oglesby. His political service is a matter of history. Congressional records give indication of his support or opposition to various measures which came up, and it was a well-known fact that he could never be coerced into any political position, that neither fear nor favor could win his allegiance to a measure that he believed would prove detrimental or cause him to oppose a movement that he thought would prove beneficial to his state or country at large. He did important work in the committee rooms, being closely connected with many measures of constructive legislation, and he made a number of notable addresses on the floor of the house. As has been said, "But, after all, the services of the most valuable, most effective members of congress is unwritten history. It can be known only to him who has the open sesame to the devious ways by which legislation is shaped and enacted at Washington. That Colonel Marsh was here a power is now recognized, and that he will be missed, especially by this portion of the nation, is fully appreciated."

The home life of Colonel Marsh was largely ideal. He was married August 6, 1861, to Miss Josephine Miller, who died July 31, 1872. Of their five chil-

dren two are living: Miss Bertha Marsh, of Warsaw, and C. Carroll Marsh, of Warsaw. Two of the children, Cara P. and Josephine, died in infancy, while Arthur W. died a number of years ago after reaching adult age. On the 1st of January, 1881, Colonel Marsh was married to Miss Jane E. Coolbaugh, of Chicago, who died on the 18th of March, 1905. There were also five children by this marriage, of whom Robert Miller and James C. died in infancy, while those still living are William C., Richard O. and Benjamin F. Marsh, Jr. Colonel Marsh was able to leave his family in excellent financial circumstances, for in his business undertakings he had prospered. After his retirement from congress in 1883 he devoted his attention largely to his farm southeast of Warsaw, and gradually added to his possessions situated in Warsaw, Wilcox and Wythe townships. The normal man always enjoys nature and Colonel Marsh was of this class. He found great delight in superintending his agricultural interests, in watching the growth of his crops and in bringing his land up to a high state of cultivation. Colonel Marsh passed away June 2, 1905, at his home in Warsaw, after an illness which extended over several months, although at times his health was greatly improved. The funeral was one of the most notable that has ever been held in Illinois, special trains being run over the different railroad and trolley lines in order to bring the large concourse of people who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to one whom they had known and honored. From congress came Senator

Shelby M. Cullom and Representatives George W. Prince, of Galesburg; Joseph V. Graff, of Peoria; Philip Knopf, of Chicago; Henry T. Rainey, of Carrollton; William W. Wilson, of Chicago; Zeno J. Rives, of Litchfield; and Charles McGavin, also of Chicago, who acted as honorary pall-bearers, while the active pall-bearers were the same that Colonel Marsh had chosen to serve at his wife's funeral just eleven weeks earlier.

It is difficult to analyze the character of such a man because of the variety of his service and the extent of his influence and work. He was a conservative man and must be regarded as a statesman, always striving to build up for the benefit of the people and to insure a continuous national progress, believing that nations, like men, cannot stand still but must go forward or backward. He became conspicuous as a public officer who was always at his post of duty and always at work. No man ever represented a district in Illinois in congress who was more faithful to the trust reposed in him by the people. His mental characteristics were of that solid and practical rather than of the ostentatious and brilliant order. He was essentially strong in intellect and capable of reaching safe, reasonable and prudent conclusions. In the long and crowded line of illustrious men of whom Illinois is justly proud, the public life of few others has extended over as long a period as his, and certainly the life of none has been more varied in service, more constant in honor, more fearless in conduct or more stainless in reputation. Perhaps no better testimonial of his character and public service can be given than

in the words of one of his old-time friends and associates, who said, "The morning following the memorable Garfield memorial exercises in the house of representatives, Alexander H. Stephens, that pigmy in stature and giant in intellect, moving in his wheeled chair over the arena in front of the speaker's desk, while indulging a musing, sparkling, laudatory criticism of Blaine's eloquent address, turned to the writer, with that peculiar graciousness which won young men to him, and said: "And yet, after all, while the genius of the forum kindles enthusiasm and moves one to effort, we should remember that in public affairs the well-balanced, forceful, persistent worker, with courageous determination and unsailable integrity, is the master hand in shaping the weal of a nation. Of such material is your congressman, Colonel Marsh."

"Had the distinguished ex-Vice-President of the southern confederacy known his subject even more intimately he could not have measured Colonel Marsh's character more accurately nor have weighed his abilities more correctly. Through all his public service his integrity was never questioned for a moment, and his entire career, from youth up, was marked by courageous determination. It was with him when only out of his teens he braved a pistol's muzzle and a mob's fury to sever the rope of would-be lynchers; it was with him at Holly Springs when he defied his cowardly superior officer, refused to surrender, and with a remnant of the Second Illinois Cavalry cut his way through the enemy's lines. Further, it was with

him in the capacity of a representative of the people whenever and wherever duty pointed the way, as it was with him in private life. He had his sorrows, he had his afflictions; but he concealed the bruise of the rod and the scar of the scourge with the veil of his indomitable will.

"His was a rugged character. Molded amid the privations of pioneer life and developed in the stirring scenes of the past half century, it became well-rounded as the shadows lengthened. There was no pretense about him, no dissimulation in his make-up. He was frank of speech, unassuming in manner, hospitable but unostentatious. He had a sympathetic interest in his fellowman, but it was a wholesome sympathy, not misled by sickly sentiment on the one hand nor awed by arrogance on the other. Loyal in his friendship, he was not bitter in his enmities, and never took advantage of power to punish a foe. That he was charitable there are many, many, to attest, but he never jingled the coin of charity, being of those who hold that the left hand should not know what the right hand doeth. As a politician, Colonel Marsh was keen, astute, far-sighted. He was an adept in marshalling his forces. But he eschewed the baser arts and never resorted to trades or cabals or the demoralizing agencies only too common to the field of politics.

"As a public man, he aspired to be a worker, a doer; and the sequel proves that he did not strive in vain. He did not affect the ornate as a speaker nor did he dawdle in debate, but when he spoke it was briefly and to the point. He was

exceptionally familiar with all public questions, and in close touch with the powers that shape them, equipping him well for his work, and with his strong personality, making results possible. He had the respect and admiration of his colleagues and enjoyed in a peculiar degree the confidence of the late President McKinley and that of President Roosevelt and stood close to the heads of the departments. It was in council, in committee, he was strongest, and those who are most familiar with his achievements know that his impress is on national legislation. But his life work is o'er. He has passed to the unknown realm whither man's pilgrimage tends. The good he has done will not be interred with his bones. It will live after him; and while his ashes sleep in Oakland, under the silent watch of the 'untroubled sentries of the shadowy night,' his memory will endure, long to be cherished as that of one who served his day and generation well and faithfully."

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#### EDMOND PARKER DENTON.

Edmond Parker Denton, who, since 1898 has made his home in Hamilton, but for many years was extensively and successfully engaged in stock-raising in Hancock county, as proprietor of the Catalpa Grove stock farm, was born in Bath county, Kentucky, April 2, 1832, his parents being Reuben and Jane (Perkins) Denton, the former born near



the Holstein river in Tennessee, and the latter in Bath county, Kentucky. His paternal grandparents, Abraham and Sarah (Hunt) Denton, were natives of Tennessee, while the maternal grandparents, Edmond and Elizabeth (Van Landingham) Perkins, were natives of Bath and Fleming counties, Kentucky, respectively. The parents were married in Fleming county, where the father died in 1862, while the mother passed away in 1868. Their son, Edmond P. Denton, was the third in order of birth in a family of five children, of whom one daughter, Matilda, died at the age of four years, while Abraham T., who was born in 1830, died in Missouri, in February, 1904. The other brother, Oliver B., resides in Fleming county, Kentucky, while Allen H., born in 1840, died at the age of thirteen years.

Edmond P. Denton spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state, being reared to the occupation of farming, and on the 8th of March, 1854, when a young man of twenty-two years, he left Kentucky and removed to Columbus, Illinois, where he spent the succeeding year. He then came to Hancock county, settling in Wythe township, where he secured a tract of land which had been fenced and cultivated. He began the further improvement of the place, which he called the Catalpa Grove stock farm and here he was extensively engaged in raising Wilkes horses, always making a specialty of this breed. When his son, Henry attained his majority he was admitted to a partnership and the business of raising and breeding fine stock was conducted under the firm style

of Denton & Son. Mr. Denton became known as one of the most prominent stockmen in this part of the state, raising some very fine animals upon his place, which sold for high prices. He is an excellent judge of horse flesh and has owned some splendid specimens of the noble steed. As a breeder and stock-raiser he met with excellent success and continued in active business until 1898, when he retired from his farm and removed to Hamilton, where he has since made his home.

On the 15th of December, 1853, Mr. Denton was united in marriage to Miss Jemima Ellen Whitney, who was born in Bath county, Kentucky, December 29, 1845, a daughter of Elijah K. and Julianie (Jones) Whitney, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Bath county, Kentucky. Mrs. Denton was educated in Kentucky and spent her girlhood days in her parents' home. By her marriage she became the mother of the following named: Charles A., who is circuit judge of Bates county, Missouri; Julania Jane, the wife of Charles Cole, a liveryman of Omaha, Nebraska; Margaret B., the wife of J. T. Guy, who is proprietor of Hotel Hamilton, at Hamilton, Illinois; Henry K., who is in the livery business in Hamilton; Sarah E., the wife of R. R. Wallace, cashier of the State Bank at Hamilton; Edmond Grant, a farmer, whose home is two miles north of Hamilton; Albert C., a groceryman of Hamilton, and is also a mail carrier on the rural route; and Jemima Ellen, the wife of Harry Rentchler, employed as salesman for Bolls Brothers, of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Denton passed away July

10, 1889, and was buried in Oakwood cemetery at Hamilton, Illinois. She was an estimable lady, who had been a faithful companion and helpmate to her husband on life's journey. Her loss was deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate family. Mr. Denton now boards with his daughter at Hotel Hamilton. He is a republican in his political views and served as supervisor of Wythe township for three terms, while for one term he was collector. He was appointed postmaster of Hamilton on the 1st of June, 1899, and has had three appointments to that office, the last coming from President Roosevelt on the 1st of March, 1905, so that the incumbency will continue until 1909. He is a capable official, giving a public-spirited administration in the affairs of the office. Fraternally he is a Mason, and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. In business, in political circles and in social life he has always been known as a man worthy of the public esteem and confidence and the circle of his friends is a very extensive one.

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#### LORENZO D. LITTLE.

Lorenzo D. Little is one of the most venerable citizens of Hancock county, yet the years rest lightly upon him and he appears to be a much younger man than the records state, for he is still active in business life, managing his farming interests in Pontoosuc township and

maintaining a deep interest in current events and matters of general progress. His has been a useful and honorable career. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, in 1821, and is a representative of an old family that was founded in America in colonial days. His uncle, David Little, was one of the Revolutionary heroes who won independence for the nation and when the country again became engaged in war with Great Britain, in 1812, he once more fought for American rights. Martha and Sarah (Ritnour) Little, parents of our subject, were likewise natives of the Old Dominion, born near Winchester in 1794 and in 1796, respectively. In the '20s they became residents of Greene county, Ohio, and on the 25th of April, 1847, arrived in Hancock county, settling in Ap-panoose township. Soon, however, the father purchased land from a Mormon elder, Fullmer, and the family were installed in a log cabin in Pontoosuc township, where they experienced the usual hardships, privations and pleasures of pioneer life, the father following farming there until his death in 1854. He was long survived by his wife, who died in 1882.

L. D. Little, accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio in 1827, was educated in that state and there lived for twenty years, and at the time of the removal of the family to Illinois, in 1847, he also came to Hancock county, taking up his abode in Pontoosuc township, where he purchased forty acres of land and began the development of a new farm, performing all the arduous labor connected with such a task. In later

years he purchased another forty-acre tract on section 20, and throughout his residence here has carried on general farming and stock-raising, his prosperity coming as the legitimate and well-merited result of his own labor.

Mr. Little was married July 15, 1849, to Miss Hester A. Tull, who was born in Maryland, February 25, 1827, a daughter of John R. and Nancy (Langford) Tull. The father, who was born in Maryland, in March, 1807, died in 1898, while the mother, whose birth occurred in the same state and in the same year, died in August, 1882. They were members of the Methodist church and many good qualities endeared them to their family and friends. Of their nine children only three are now living: Mrs. Little; Elizabeth, the wife of Daniel A. Little, of Pontoosuc township; and Sarah, the wife of Isaac Grove, of Payson, Adams county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Little became parents of three children who have passed away and three who still survive. Naomi became the wife of Marion Jacobs, who died in Arkansas in 1904, leaving six children: Rosa, the wife of Arthur Jacobs, of Mena, Arkansas, by whom she has three children, Evelyn, Lorenzo and Clara; Joseph Jacobs, who married Zelpha Choate, of Arkansas; Ella, wife of John McKinstry, of Texas; Orley, living in Arkansas; and Lorenzo and Clarence Jacobs, also of that state. John Little married Flora Wilcox and resides in Pontoosuc township. Joseph Little, of Pontoosuc township, married Louisa Cress, and has four children: Emma P., wife of Frank Perkins, of Pontoosuc

township; Lester, Guy and Walter. Ar-melda Little is the wife of Benjamin Riter, of Pontoosuc township, and has three children: Arthur L., Goldie M., and Lizzie E., Harry C. Riter died at the age of ten months. One child of the family died in early infancy. Elizabeth Little, who was the first born, died at the age of four months and twenty-three days.

Mr. Little is a republican and has served as road supervisor and as a member of the school board. His wife is a member of the Methodist church. They have traveled life's journey together as man and wife for fifty-seven years, and are a much-esteemed couple of Pontoosuc township. They yet enjoy good health and are active, bearing the burden of the years lightly. While they have had sorrows and hardships, they have yet had many pleasures and successes.

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#### HENRY RICE.

Henry Rice, whose well developed farm is one of the attractive features in the landscape in Durham township, was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1827, and the nearly eighty years of his well-spent life have made him a most respected and honored man. His parents were Samuel and Fannie (Strickler) Rice, likewise natives of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, the former born in 1804 and the latter in 1802. Samuel Rice was also a farmer by oc-

cupation and was a local preacher in the River Brethren denomination in Pennsylvania. He remained in the Keystone state until his later years, when he came to Illinois and lived with his children, passing away in Henderson county, December 19, 1885. His wife died November 30, 1870, and was laid to rest in Ohio, while his grave was made in Durham cemetery. They were the parents of eleven children: Nancy and Christian, deceased; Henry, of this review; John and Fannie, who have passed away; Samuel, of Durham township; George, deceased; Lydia, the wife of John Hershey, of Ohio; Rebecca, who died in April, 1906; and Mary and Cyrus, also deceased.

Henry Rice was educated in the district schools of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited. The little "temple of learning" in which he pursued his studies, was a log structure with puncheon floor and slab seats. He remained with his father until about the time he attained his majority and was then married, in 1848, to Miss Elizabeth Stoner, who indeed proved a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. She was born in Blair county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1826, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Bosler) Stoner, natives of eastern Pennsylvania, in which state the father followed farming. In the Stoner family were nine children: Abraham, now living in Des Moines, Iowa; Mary, deceased; Mrs. Rice; Ann and David, who are residents of Pennsylvania; Joseph and Rebecca, who have passed away; Susan, living in

northern Illinois; and Sarah, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rice began their domestic life in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where they lived for six years and then removed to Stark county, Ohio, where they spent four years on a farm. On the expiration of that period they located in Adams county, Illinois, and after a year and a half came, in the fall of 1859, to Hancock county, settling in Durham township, where Mr. Rice purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 10. Improvements had already been made upon the place, and in 1871 he erected an elegant residence, while in 1868 he built a commodious barn. He also put up a windmill and built good sheds and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, together with fences which divide the place into fields of convenient size. It is today one of the finest farms in Durham township, and comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land, Mr. Rice having sold two hundred and forty acres. However, he still owns three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Lee county, Iowa. He has always raised stock and has carried on general farming. Although now well advanced in years he still gives personal supervision to the place, which, under his capable management, is kept under a high state of cultivation, the rich and productive fields annually returning to him gratifying harvests. Mr. Rice is also a director of the Farmers State Bank of Dallas.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rice, as the years went by, were born ten children, three in Pennsylvania, two in Ohio and the others upon the home farm in this county.

The family record is as follows: Fannie Ann, deceased; Jacob, of Nebraska, who married Miss Luella Lydic and has five children, Nellie, Elizabeth, Laura, Jay and Dean; Samuel, also of Nebraska, who married Miss Jennie Boyle, and died leaving three children, Lena, Stewart and Harry; Mary, the wife of James Babcock, of Durham township, by whom she had three children, Frank, deceased, Rolla and Ina; Le Roy, who has passed away; Clara, the wife of John Smith, of Iowa, by whom she has nine children, Bessie, Grace, Laura, Maggie, Lawrence, Ina, Helen, Beulah and Ruth; Laura, who is with her father; Jenora, deceased; Clark, of Pontoosuc township, who married Miss Minnie Bradfield and had three children, Bertha, deceased, Charles, and Eulah, who has also passed away; and Etta, at home with her father. The children have been provided with liberal educational privileges, the sons all attending city schools, some in Burlington, in Denmark and in Keokuk, Iowa.

In the early days of their married life Mr. and Mrs. Rice had to undergo many hardships and privations, but as the years passed prosperity attended their labors and Mr. Rice is now in very comfortable financial circumstances. In addition to his farm property he is a stockholder in the Farmers Exchange Bank of Dallas City, as are his two daughters who are at home. In 1902 they were called upon to mourn the loss of wife and mother, who passed away on the 7th of November of that year and was laid to rest in Durham cemetery, her death being deeply regretted by many friends as well as her immediate

family. She was indeed a loving wife and mother, her interests centering in her own household. She did everything in her power to promote the welfare and happiness of her family and she extended a most gracious and cordial hospitality to her many friends. Her many excellent traits of character won her the esteem and love of all with whom she came in contact. In his political affiliation Mr. Rice is a democrat and at one time served as school director but has never sought or desired office. His success is attributable entirely to his own labors. He is of a modest and retiring disposition but the consensus of public opinion is that he deserves prominent mention among the representative men of the county. He is a representative of one of the oldest families of the township and is one whose life record is indeed worthy of emulation and of admiration.

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#### ZIMRI WHITE.

Zimri White is a retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, living in Hamilton. He was born in Coatsburg, Adams county, Illinois, September 22, 1839, and is a son of John and Drusilla (Lasley) White, natives of Virginia and South Carolina respectively. His paternal grandfather, William White, was a native of Scotland and the maternal grandfather was John Lasley, of South Carolina. In the year 1822 John White went to Springfield, Illinois, with his mother.

He was then a lad of ten years, his birth having occurred in 1812. The father had died in the south and the widowed mother afterward removed to this state, where John White learned the plasterer's trade. He worked in Springfield for some time, after which he removed to Adams county, Illinois, where he was married in 1838. He then rented land for a few years, after which he removed to Hancock county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land, for which he paid three hundred and fifty dollars and which is now worth sixteen thousand dollars. He also bought thirty acres of timber land. The prairie tract was all wild and uncultivated, but he built thereon good houses, barns and other improvements. He also fenced the land and broke the wild prairie, transforming it into richly developed fields. It was the period of pioneer progress in Hancock county and it was no unusual thing to see timber wolves, while deer were quite numerous and turkeys and other lesser game could be had in abundance. In fact evidences of frontier life were many, but they gave way before the inroads of an advancing civilization. John White continued to reside upon the farm which he purchased until 1897, when he went to live with a son upon a farm, and in 1899 he took up his abode in the home of his son, Zimri, with whom he continued until his death, which occurred on the 22d of August, 1903. His wife had passed away in 1891, when seventy-one years of age. In the family were ten sons, of whom six are yet living.

Zimri White, the eldest of the father's

family, worked upon the home farm until twenty-one years of age, during which period he gained practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil, while in the public schools he acquired his education. Almost his entire life has been passed in Hancock county. After attaining his majority he engaged in the operation of rented land for a year, but at the end of that time put aside all personal considerations in order to aid his country, enlisting on the 13th of August, 1862, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry. The regiment went to Camp Butler, remaining there for a few months and afterward was attached to the Army of the Mississippi. At the battle of Fort Hudson Mr. White had a horse shot from under him. He was with his regiment during the entire period of the war save for three months spent in the hospital at Jefferson Barracks and at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Returning to the home place, he bought eighty acres on section 9, Wythe township, where he built a house of five rooms but has since made an addition thereto. He carried on general farming and stock-raising until 1894, when, on account of ill health, he removed to the Oakwood addition to Hamilton, where he bought six fine lots in one tract, improved with a commodious and pleasant residence. He does general gardening on his lots and his place is one of the most sightly in all the Oakwood addition. He finds it impossible to entirely put aside business cares and thus his time and energies are given to the cultivation of vegetables.

On the 25th of December, 1865, Mr.

White was united in marriage to Miss Hannah E. Daw, who was born in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, a daughter of Edward and Eliza (Graham) Daw, the former a native of England. There was one son born of that marriage, John Edward White, whose birth occurred October 4, 1866. The wife and mother died on the 29th of the same month and on the 21st of November, 1867, Mr. White was again married, his second union being with Harriet Eliza Smith, who was born in Wythe township, Hancock county, May 22, 1848, her parents being William A. and Sarah (Smart) Smith, the former born in Alabama in 1821 and the latter in Macoupin county, Illinois. Her paternal grandparents were James and Elizabeth (Owens) Smith and the former was a son of a Revolutionary soldier. In the year 1831 William A. Smith came to Hancock county, Illinois, and served as a soldier at the time of the Mormon war. He married near Plymouth, Illinois, and lived upon a farm in Wythe township up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 29th of November, 1864. His wife long survived him, passing away on Christmas day of 1894. In their family were two sons and five daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. White have been born the following named: William Smith, who was born April 24, 1869, and is living on his father's farm in Wythe township; Myrtle Jane, who was born May 11, 1872, and married Orville French, of Quincy, Illinois; Ira Elmer, who was born April 20, 1876, and resides at Glenn's Ferry, Idaho; Ida Alice,

twin sister of Ira and the wife of Burt Barnaby, of Wythe township; Bertha Drusilla, who was born February 14, 1879, and is the wife of Lester Barr, of Downer's Grove, Illinois; and Sarah Helen, who was born November 18, 1889, and died March 12, 1891.

Mr. White of this review is a member of the Baptist church, active and influential in its work, and for many years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. Since 1881 he has served as deacon in the church. In his political affiliation he is a prohibitionist, the cause of temperance having long found in him a stalwart champion. He has served as highway commissioner and as constable and school director in Wythe township and the duties of these various positions were discharged with promptness and capability. He likewise belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. An analysis of his life record will show that he has been faithful in citizenship, straightforward in business, trustworthy in friendship and devoted to the ties of home and family, and thus his many excellent characteristics make him well worthy the regard in which he is uniformly held.

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#### JOSIAH RITCHEY.

Josiah Ritchey is a retired farmer residing at the corner of Clark and Washington streets, Carthage. He is accorded

the respect and confidence of his fellowmen not alone because of the success which he has achieved, making him one of the men of affluence in this city but also by reason of the honorable, straightforward business methods he has ever followed and also owing to the principles of conduct which have shaped his daily life. An analyzation of his career shows that his religious faith has been a strong motive influence in all that he has done and he stands for that higher type of manhood which not only represents justice but tempers justice with mercy and which recognizes man's obligation to his fellowman and his Maker. A native of Tennessee he was born in Monroe county, in 1830, his parents being John and Catherine (Dougherty) Ritchey. Josiah Dougherty, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and his son, Henry Dougherty, was a soldier of the Mexican war. The parents were natives of Tennessee, the former born in Hawkins county January 19, 1801, and the latter in Jefferson county on the 21st of May, 1804. The father was a farmer by occupation, and after living for a number of years in Tennessee came to Illinois in 1853, settling first in Adams county. The following year he removed to a farm in Hancock county, Illinois, and at first lived in a log cabin, the family living upon the old home property in Dallas township. Later, however, he sold out and bought an improved farm in Durham township, on which stood a comfortable brick residence and other equipments. He devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising

and yet found opportunity to promote public progress through co-operation in many movements for the general good and by efficient service in public office. He held a number of local political positions and was also a member of the school board. He voted with the democracy, of which he was a stalwart supporter and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church, while living in Tennessee, but following the removal to Illinois Mr. Ritchey joined the United Brethren church. He died in Durham township in 1876, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife passed away in 1888, at the age of eighty-four years and eight months, both being buried in Durham township. Their marriage had been celebrated on the 15th of March, 1822, and they became the parents of twelve children, all of whom were born in Tennessee and have now passed away, with the exception of Margaret and Josiah. The former, born March 15, 1825, is the widow of James Kelley, and resides with a daughter in Colusa, Illinois. Those who have passed away are: Nancy J., who was born November 19, 1823; Alexander H., born July 1, 1826; Sarah M., May 7, 1828; Samuel L., July 4, 1832; John, February 11, 1834; Martin B., January 7, 1837; Isaac S., July 27, 1839; Elizabeth, February 7, 1841; James K., November 12, 1842; and Louisa Catherine, January 28, 1845.

Josiah Ritchey largely acquired his education in the schools of Tennessee, but also continued his studies through one winter in Hancock county, Illinois. He spent the days of his boyhood and



youth in his parents' home and remained with them until twenty-three years of age, when, on the 12th of January, 1854, he was married near Blandinsville, Illinois, to Miss Amanda F. Knowles, who was born in Delaware, January 27, 1835, and is a daughter of Rev. Phillip and Nancy (Hill) Knowles, who were also natives of Delaware. The father was a minister of the United Brethren church and after coming to this state resided for a time in Jacksonville, after which he removed to McDonough county and subsequently to Henderson county, while later he had several charges in Hancock county, Illinois. He was thus closely associated with the moral development of this portion of the state, his influence being of no restricted order, as he labored untiringly for the spread of the gospel. He departed this life in Missouri in 1888, while his wife had previously passed away. In their family were eight children, of whom four are now living: Thomas, a resident of Oregon; William, in Florida; Elizabeth, the wife of Manlove Dawson, of Peoria; and Kinzie, of Nebraska.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey were born nine children, all natives of Hancock county, and seven of the number are still living. Hiram C., born December 15, 1854, married Belle Lamb and had two children, Earl H. and Perle W., twins, born August 10, 1877. Their mother died when they were only eleven months old and they were reared by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Ritchey. Both are now married. Perle wedded Pearle Callopy, lives in Canton, Illinois, and has three children, Ursa,

Hiram Edward and Verne Lagrue. Earl married Luella Brown, lives in Canton and has two children, Lowell and Grace. After losing his first wife Hiram Ritchey wedded Mrs. Mary McClain, the widow of Dr. McClain, and after her death he married Mrs. Ella Ball, the widow of Dr. Ball. The only child of the third marriage is deceased. Hiram Ritchey is now a resident of Canton, Illinois. Philip W. Ritchey, the second member of the father's family, was born July 7, 1857, married Angeline Howard and lives in Dallas City, Illinois. They had two children, the living daughter, Eva, being now at home with her parents. John M. Ritchey, born March 22, 1859, died in 1877. Sarah L., born April 30, 1861, is the wife of William Styles, of Laurens, Iowa, and they had nine children, of whom six are living: Bert, who is married and lives in Fulton county, Illinois, and has four children; James, who is married and lives in Fulton county, and has one child; Josiah Goldie; and Fay and an infant. Margaret Ritchey, the fifth member of the family of Josiah Ritchey, was born September 14, 1863, is the wife of Henry W. Walter, of Dallas City, Illinois, by whom she has one daughter, May, now Mrs. Muller, of Dallas City, and the mother of two children. Catherine M. Ritchey, born August 14, 1865, is the wife of Lucius Atwater, of Missouri, and has eight children living, Cleveland, Bertha, Orilla, Amanda Belle, Lotus, Lecil, Josiah Ritchey and Joseph. James H. Ritchey, the seventh member of the family, was born October 5, 1868, and lives in Canton, Illinois. He married Mrs.

Dora Gates and has four children, Elsie, Charles, James and Edith. Lucinda M., born March 9, 1873, became the wife of Frank O'Neil, and died in Graceville, Minnesota, February 19, 1903, leaving four children: Roy, of Durham township; Josiah Royse, living with an aunt in La Harpe; Ernest Ritchey and Edith Elizabeth, twins, who are with their grandparents; Dora B., born September 27, 1875, is the wife of Fred McKim, a resident of Disco, Illinois.

At the time of their marriage Josiah and Amanda (Knowles) Ritchey began their domestic life in Dallas township, where they resided for two years and then removed to Durham township, settling on a partially improved farm, on which Mr. Ritchey made many modern improvements, there carrying on general farming and stock-raising with good success. In 1883 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died upon the old homestead farm in Durham township. She was a lady of many excellent traits of character and was held in warm regard by all who knew her. Mr. Ritchey continued to reside upon the farm until 1899, when he removed to Carthage, purchasing a beautiful home at No. 706 Washington street at the extreme end of the street. He was drafted for service in the Civil war but sent a substitute, and throughout the passing years carried on farm labor with excellent results, the annual sale of his crops and stock bringing to him a good income that eventually enabled him to put aside further cares and live retired.

On the 20th of November, 1889, Mr. Ritchey was again married, his second

union being with Miss Isabelle Curry, who was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1838, a daughter of Matthew and Jane (Curry) Curry, who though of the same name were not relatives, the former being a native of Ireland, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Matthew Curry came to America when fourteen years of age and made his way to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1852, settling upon a farm here. He was a republican in his political views and both he and his wife were of the old Covenanter faith and became members of the United Presbyterian church, with which they were affiliated at the time of their deaths. The father passed away in 1874, and the mother survived until 1891, when she was laid by his side in the cemetery in Fountain Green township. He had farmed in Hancock township for a number of years and was accounted one of the enterprising agriculturists and reliable business men of the community. In their family were six children, five of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Isabelle Ritchey; Adam, who resides upon the old home farm near Webster, Illinois; Eliza Jane, the wife of James Marshall, who is living in Carthage township, near Webster; Margaret, the wife of Andrew Baxter, of Atchison county, Kansas; and Samuel, who is living in Hancock township, this county. One brother, Adam Curry, enlisted in the Tenth Missouri Infantry, and afterward re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, serving throughout the war. He was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and was shot at the battle of Corinth,

still carrying the ball in his shoulder. Thomas, Isaac, William and Jacob Knowles, brothers of Mr. Ritchey's first wife, were also soldiers of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchey have reared two grandchildren, living to see them married and comfortably situated in life, and are now rearing two more grandchildren. He and his first wife were members of the United Brethren church but now he is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his second wife belongs and in which he has served as an elder for five years. They take a very active and earnest part in church work and are sincere Christian people, doing everything in their power to advance the cause of Christianity. Mr. Ritchey was for many years an advocate of the democracy but now casts an independent ballot, supporting the candidate whom he regards as the best man. He has held a number of township offices and at all times has been loyal in citizenship, doing what he could for the welfare and progress of the community. He is a self-made man, conscientious and reliable. Starting out in life empty-handed, his determination and energy have been the salient points in his career, enabling him to acquire a good living and lay something by for a rainy day. Both he and his wife are held in the highest esteem, Mrs. Ritchey being a lovely Christian character, and their interest and activity in church work has done much for the cause in this community. Now living retired from business Mr. Ritchey is enjoying a rest which is richly merited and he stands high in public regard.

## JONATHAN C. WILLEY.

Jonathan C. Willey, who became a resident of Hancock county at an early day, now resides upon his farm on section 10, Carthage township, where he owns and cultivates eighty acres. He was born in Dickson county, Tennessee, on the 14th of September, 1837, and became a resident of Illinois when about ten years of age, accompanying his parents, John F. and Millie (Morrison) Willey, on their removal to Bond county, this state. The father was born in Halifax county, North Carolina, while the mother's birth occurred in Tennessee. With his parents he went to the latter state when about two years old and was there reared to manhood and married. All of the children of the family were born in Tennessee and the parents resided there until about 1847, when they came to this state, settling in Bond county, where they remained for five or six years. They afterward went to Menard county, Illinois, and thence to Mason county, remaining for only a brief period in each county. In 1854 they came to Hancock county and Mr. Willey cast in his lot with the early settlers who were depending upon agricultural interests for a living. He subsequently conducted his farming interests up to the time of his death, which occurred in Carthage township upon the place now owned by his son Jonathan, when he was seventy-six years of age. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he never sought or desired office. He was a prosperous and progressive man who owned large prop-

erty interests in Tennessee. The place of his interment is in Fountain Green cemetery, where he was laid to rest following his death, on the 12th of March, 1887. His wife survived him for about four years and died March 14, 1891. Of their five children only three are now living, as follows: Mary Catherine, the wife of John Dennison, of Hamilton, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of Elias Lister, of Tulare, California; and Jonathan C.

The fourth in order of birth in his father's family, Jonathan C. Willey, was reared under the parental roof, accompanying his parents on their removals to various localities. He largely obtained his education in Tennessee and after coming to Hancock county he assisted his father upon the home farm as a young man. There he remained to the age of twenty-three years, when he started out in life on his own account, renting a farm in Fountain Green township, where he remained for a number of years. During that period he lived carefully and economically and thereby he accumulated the capital sufficient to enable him to purchase his present farm, whereon he has since resided. The place was but partially improved but he has continued its cultivation and development until he now has a model farm, his attention being given to general farming and stock-raising. His business methods are such as bear close investigation and scrutiny and his enterprise has been a salient feature in his success.

On the 2d of April, 1862, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Willey and Miss Cynthia Wright, a daughter of Hickerson and Cynthia (Donoho)

Wright. Mrs. Willey was born in Fountain Green township, September 30, 1840, and pursued her education in the schools of Fountain Green, Pontoosuc and Webster townships, remaining at home until her marriage. She has become the mother of five children, three sons and two daughters. Sterling Price, born in Fountain Green township, November 30, 1862, died at the age of three years and one month, and was there laid to rest. Linnie is now the wife of Charles E. Griswold, a carpenter and contractor of Chicago. Her first husband was Stephen D. Aldridge, who was a farmer of Fountain Green township, and by their marriage there was one son, Carroll D., who was born August 12, 1895, and now makes his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willey. Jennie Florence is the wife of Alfred B. Miller, of DeWitt, Missouri, where he follows farming. They have had seven children: Ethel, now the wife of George Seabold, by whom she has one child; Roy, Harry, Bessie, Ross, and Dixie; and one, the sixth in order of birth, who is deceased. Patrick H., the fourth member of the Willey family, is a farmer residing in Peabody, Kansas, and married Margaret Yetter, a daughter of Samuel R. Yetter. They had four children, Alma May, Bertha A., Frank and Mabel, but the first named is deceased. Jesse W., a railroad bridge builder living in Chicago, married Miss Minnie Oglvie, a daughter of James and Millie Oglvie, of Carthage township, and they have two children, Mabel and Helen. All of the children of the Willey family were born in Hancock county.

Mr. Willey gives evidence of his po-

litical faith on election day by casting a ballot for the men and measures of democracy. He has held the office of school director for the past thirty years and is interested in intellectual progress and development in his community. Affairs relating to general improvement also claim his attention and co-operation and he has done his full share in the work of public improvement during the half century or more in which he has lived in Hancock county where he has been fully appreciated.

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#### ROBERT M. KIMBROUGH.

Death often removes a citizen whom a community feels it can ill afford to lose. The news of the death of Robert M. Kimbrough was received with deep and wide-spread regret in his township and throughout Hancock county wherever he was known, for he had lived a life of uprightness and honor. He was no mere negative factor in the community but a citizen of exemplary rectitude of character, who was active and energetic in his business life and loyal in his support of all the measures and movements which he deemed would prove of benefit in advancing public progress and upbuilding. His life record began in Carthage township on the 20th of April, 1844, and he continuously remained a resident of that locality. His education was acquired in the common schools near his father's

home and he assisted in the work of the farm when not busy with his text-books. He was a son of William and Martha (Cauthorn) Kimbrough, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, whence they came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Hancock county. The father purchased land in Carthage township and there made a home for himself and family, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. As the years passed he converted his land into productive fields and continued their cultivation until his death. His wife had passed away several years before.

Under the parental roof Robert M. Kimbrough spent the days of his boyhood and continued to reside upon the home farm as a young man, although to some extent he worked upon neighboring farms. He was about sixteen years of age when he began earning his own living in that way and was thus employed up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated on the 19th of January, 1871, Miss Almeda A. Bryant becoming his wife. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm which Mrs. Kimbrough had inherited from her father and it was situated on section 1, Harmony township. The place comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land there together with thirty-seven acres in Carthage township. As the years passed by Mr. Kimbrough continued the work of cultivating and improving the fields and adding to the farm many modern equipments in harmony with progressive ideas of agricultural development. Upon the destruction of the old

home by fire in 1902 he erected a large two-story frame dwelling with all modern conveniences, which is one of the attractive farm residences of this part of the county. He cultivated his fields successfully, annually harvesting large crops, and he was also well known as a capable and prosperous stock raiser, keeping on hand high grades of cattle, horses and hogs, making a specialty, however, of Durham cattle. He used the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and as the years passed by he converted the place into one of the model farms of the county.

It was upon this place that Mrs. Kimbrough was born and reared, her natal day being April 19, 1847. Her parents were Ambrose and Susanna (Reed) Bryant, both of whom were natives of Virginia, whence they came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Harmony township, Hancock county, when it was still a frontier region. Mr. Bryant purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 1 and although the tract was wild and unimproved when it came into his possession, he soon converted it into productive fields, continuing the cultivation of the place until his death. He was born March 5, 1810, and passed away July 25, 1876, in the faith of the Primitive Baptist church, of which he had long been a devoted member. In his political views he was a democrat. He had for several years survived his wife, who was born November 26, 1807, and died February 23, 1864. Their remains now rest side by side in Holland cemetery in St. Mary's township.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough was blessed with three children, two of whom are living: Dennis B., born January 11, 1872, was educated in Harmony township and now operates the old home farm. Flora S., born on the home place December 19, 1874, is the wife of Lawrence D. Lane, who was born in Carthage township, Hancock county, and is a son of Thomas Lane, now a resident of the city of Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Lane reside with her mother, Mrs. Kimbrough, on the old farm, and to them have been born three children, of whom two are living: Hazel Fern, born March 4, 1894; and Oliver, December 2, 1896. They lost their younger daughter, Neva Pearl, who was born May 31, 1904, and died June 9, 1905. These children were all born in Carthage township. Leo R. Kimbrough, the youngest member of the family, was born November 13, 1880, and died February 1, 1905, after an operation for appendicitis. He was a young man of genuine personal worth, much loved by his family and a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough also reared a niece, Emma Thompson, who was born January 27, 1872, in Hancock county. Her parents were Robert and Isabelle Thompson, residents of Adams county, the latter being a sister of Mr. Kimbrough. They died when their daughter was about seven years of age, when she became a member of the Kimbrough household, in which she remained until her marriage on the 29th of November, 1893, to William Reuck, a resident farmer of Hancock county. Two children grace this union: William Clay,

born September 28, 1894; and Edna May, born November 29, 1899.

Throughout his entire life Robert M. Kimbrough carried on general farming and his death occurred upon the old homestead March 8, 1905, when he was sixty years of age. He had, however, been in poor health for a number of years. He was a supporter of the Baptist church and was an ardent adherent of the democratic party. He held the office of assessor of Harmony township for two terms and was also school director for some years. Although he never united with any church he was a firm believer in the Primitive Baptist doctrine and lived a Christian life. In his last illness he suffered intensely but never a murmur escaped his lips. He was a good neighbor and a kind and indulgent husband and father, and he was always ready and willing to do his part. He possessed an adaptable nature which enabled him to mingle freely and easily with young and old and all enjoyed his company. Hospitality reigned supreme in his home and his friends were ever cordially welcome. He possessed a genial, kindly disposition and many sterling traits of character, and all who knew him esteemed him highly. His entire life had been passed in Hancock county and he was a most worthy pioneer settler, taking a deep interest in what was accomplished in the line of improvement and progress and doing all in his power to further the public good, and throughout his entire life he was actuated by honorable principles and manly purposes, and is well worthy of representation in this volume.

## THADDEUS J. ELLEFRITZ.

Thaddeus J. Ellefritz, who carries on general agricultural pursuits in Carthage township, is a native son of Hancock county, having been born in Pilot Grove township, on the 19th of April, 1869. His parents were Solomon A. and Mary A. (Botts) Ellefritz. The father's birth occurred in Virginia and there he resided until he attained his majority, after which he removed to Illinois, settling in Pilot Grove township, Hancock county. There he purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, which he transformed into a good farm, making a home for himself and family. He lived there for a number of years, after which he removed to another farm of one hundred acres in the same township, residing thereon until about two years prior to his death, when he purchased a third farm property in the same township, comprising one hundred and eighty acres. He lived thereon until his demise and as his financial resources increased he added more and more largely to his land holdings until at his death he was the owner of eight hundred acres, nearly all of which was improved land. He died in 1893, at the age of sixty-four years. Throughout his life he carried on general farming and stock-raising and was very prosperous, yet he did not selfishly hoard his wealth but gave to the support of the Methodist church and to many movements for the general good. In early manhood he wedded Mrs. Mary A. Coak, nee Botts, who was the widow of Henry Coak. She was born in St. Mary's township, Henry county, and is

still living, her home being in Carthage. She was the mother of seven children: Eugenie, the wife of L. C. Miller, of Carthage; Thaddeus J., of this review; Howard, residing in Carthage; Carlos, whose home is in Burnside, Illinois; Bristow; Mary, deceased; and Alma, died in infancy.

Thaddeus J. Ellefritz acquired his education in the common schools of his native township and as a young man worked upon his father's farm. Later he began farming on his own account on one of the properties belonging to his father, the place comprising one hundred acres of land in Pilot Grove township. The mother who received all of the property at the time of her husband's death deeded our subject the one hundred acres near Burnside on which he had resided. He remained thereon until five years ago, when he sold that property and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Missouri. He lived there for only ten months, however, when he sold out and returned to Hancock county, where he purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres in Carthage township. The entire tract is under a high state of cultivation and he has made additional improvements, including the planting of a fine orchard. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising in addition to the cultivation of fruit and he annually raises high grades of cattle, horses and hogs. Everything about his place is kept in excellent condition and the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm is proof of his progressive spirit and practical methods.

On April 6, 1892, Mr. Ellefritz was

married to Miss Fannie M. Pearce, who was born in Maryland, and came to Illinois when five years of age with her parents, Thomas and Sophia (Dailey) Pearce. Both the father and mother were natives of Maryland, and on coming to Illinois settled in Bowen. The father was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit throughout his active business life. He now resides in Burnside but his wife passed away thirteen years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ellefritz have become the parents of three children, Pernie M., Ray T. and Cleo C. All of the children were born in Pilot Grove township.

Mr. Ellefritz is a republican but without aspiration for office, preferring to leave the strife of office-holding to others, yet doing all in his power to promote general improvement and progress. The family attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Ellefritz is a member. He is successful in his farming operations and his carefully directed labors have been the means of securing a valuable property, which is highly cultivated and constitutes one of the fine farms of Carthage township.

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#### HOMER DAVENPORT BROWN.

Homer Davenport Brown, who for many years was the owner of Brown's nursery at Hamilton, was born in Quincy, Illinois, March 9, 1846, and is a son of Homer Brown, who was born



in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, in 1811. His father was overseer of the poor in Massachusetts for many years and Homer Brown, Sr., was reared upon the county farm. He married Miss Hannah Chandler Safford, who was born in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, in 1811. The maternal grandparents of our subject started from the east to Quincy, Illinois, and the grandfather died upon the road. His wife, however, continued on the way to Quincy with her family, where she spent her remaining days. She had three children. In the year 1832, Homer Brown, Sr., went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he engaged in business as a painter and painted the first sign made in Keokuk. He did work throughout this vicinity of the country and was for some time in Quincy, where he was married. He lived at different times in Hancock and Adams counties and located permanently where Hamilton now is. In fact he was one of the founders of the town. He purchased in 1857 what is now known as Wild Cat Springs, which property he improved and owned until his death. He was quite prominent, leaving the impress of his individuality upon public thought and action and upon the development and substantial improvement of this part of the state. He died September 29, 1876, while his wife survived him for a number of years, passing away in Quincy, May 14, 1890. In the family were two sons, the elder being Horace Safford, who was born in Carthage in 1837. He was identified with work on the rapids of the Mississippi river. He attended some of the finest schools of the country and enlisted

in the United States navy, being engaged in government work at Louisville, Kentucky. He now resides in Quincy and is a contractor for improvements made by the government. He married Eliza Brown, by whom there is one child, Catherine H. Brown. His wife died and he afterward married Jennie Elder, by whom he had one child, who died at the age of nine years. He makes his home in Quincy and does important government work.

Homer Davenport Brown, whose name introduces this review, remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he further improved the land where the Wild Cat Springs are located and where the Chautauqua assembly is held, which he still owns.

On the 26th of October, 1869, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Alice Harvey, who was born in St. Catherine's, Ontario, and attended the common schools and an academy there. She is a daughter of Samuel and Lucy Sophia (Parsons) Harvey and was their only child who lived to mature years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born two children: Nellie L., born June 16, 1871; and Harvey Homer, born November 25, 1876. Mr. Brown is well known in Hamilton as an enterprising business man, alert and energetic, making the most of his opportunities and conducting a business along modern lines. He is winning gratifying success and occupies an enviable position in business circles there. He casts an independent ballot, having no strong political preferences but voting for the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the offices. He has served

for two terms as alderman of the third ward and proved a capable official, supporting each measure that was introduced that he believed would prove beneficial to the town and at the same time opposing as strongly those measures which he believed might prove detrimental to the welfare of the city.

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#### ISAAC N. HOBART.

Isaac N. Hobart, a native of Hancock county, and a man of whom the county may well be proud, resides on his large and well-improved farm on section 6 of Hancock township. Mr. Hobart is the owner of three hundred acres of fine farming land, part of which lies in Hancock township and part in Carthage township.

Isaac N. Hobart was born in Fountain Green township, Hancock county, Illinois, on January 10, 1834, and was the son of Norman and Ura Eaton (Holliday) Hobart, the father being a native of Essex, New York, his birth occurring December 29, 1810. Norman Hobart came to Illinois in 1833, locating in Rushville, where he lived until his marriage to Miss Holliday, after which he came to Hancock county, where he located in Fountain Green township, remaining but one year, and then removed to Carthage township. Mr. Hobart purchased a farm in Carthage township on which he made his home part of the time, and partly in Carthage, where he

owned a carding machine. Later he bought the old grist mill on Crooked creek, which he rebuilt, making a steam flouring mill of it, also adding a saw mill which he operated for a number of years. He then moved the mill to Carthage, operating it as a grist mill, then purchased a farm of eighty acres, one mile from Carthage, which he farmed until his death, December 13, 1878. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, for many years being a local preacher in that church.

He was a public-spirited man and gave his support to the Republican party, though he was never an aspirant for office. Norman Hobart was a prosperous man of his day and was an important factor in the building up of the community in which he lived. He assisted in building the first wagon road from Fountain Green to Carthage. His remains were laid to rest in the Carthage cemetery. His wife was a native of Kentucky and came to Illinois at an early day. She was the daughter of Moses and Celia (Skirvin) Holliday, both natives of Kentucky. Mr. Holliday was a hatter by trade. Both parents were buried in Hancock county.

This worthy couple were the parents of fourteen children, only two of whom are now living, our subject being the oldest in point of birth.

Isaac N. Hobart was educated in the common schools of the township in which he lived, in the old log school houses of that day, and also in a school that was held in the old brick church in Carthage township, near what is now Elm Tree post-office. The school was taught by

Squire R. Davis and was a subscription school. When about sixteen years of age he went to work in the grist and saw mill of his father and continued at this for eleven years.

On the 31st day of January, 1861, occurred the marriage of Isaac N. Hobart and Mary E. Duffy, of Hancock county, which union was blessed with eleven children, all of whom are now living. This large family of children are all married and have homes and interesting families of their own, of whom Mr. and Mrs. Hobart are justly proud. Mary Emily, widow of Joseph Kuntz, has four children: Mary L., Leo, Harley, and Garret H., and resides in Missouri:

Carrie Luella, wife of Samuel Sowers, a farmer in Nebraska, has six children: Jessie B., wife of Lee Julian; also a farmer in Nebraska, and parents of two children: Gladys and Clayton L.; Mary W., Blanche, Floyd, Buby C., and Garret;

Joseph N., resides in Hancock township, farming part of the home farm, married Eva Wright, and has one child. Ray;

Dennis W., resides in Missouri on a farm owned by his father, married Katie Murtland, and has three children: Glenn, Joseph, and Dennis W.;

Eva Elizabeth, married John McConnell, a farmer in Fountain Green township, and has six children: Beulah E., Evelyn H., Margaruite, Frances, Bernice and Anna M.; each of whom is a credit to the parents.

Lillie Estella, wife of Morris Yutter, a farmer of Fountain Green township, and has seven children: Lewis N.,

Alma E., Jennings B., Harry, Ross M., Mabel and Fay Hobart;

Matilda E., wife of John Herron, a farmer of Nebraska, and has four children: John Newton, Erna G., Charles and Joseph Bernard;

Ura Amanda, wife of Wayman Mills, a farmer and saw-mill owner of Carthage township, and has three children: Mary E., deceased, Dennis W., and Myrtle;

Isaac N., resides on part of the home place, which he farms, married Mary Hasten and has two children: Gladys M. and Ivan;

Ethel B., wife of William E. Koontz, a farmer in Hancock township, has three children: Forrest U., Franklin Clay, and Fern;

Mabel Grace, widow of Gerald Mosley, who died in Colorado, where he had gone for his health, his death occurring September 20, 1905. Mrs. Mosley has one child, Herman Harold, born June 7, 1904.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart were born in Hancock township, Hancock county. Mr. Hobart is a large landowner, part of his property lying in Hancock county, and part in Missouri. He has made many improvements on his farms, and keeps his buildings in the very best of repair. For many years he has engaged in general farming and stock-raising. His wife was the daughter of Anthony and Mary Matilda (Spangler) Duffy, early residents of Hancock county, the mother being called from earth in July, 1872, and the father in September, 1884, after having mourned the death of his companion about twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart have lasting monuments in the well-kept properties which they have accumulated, and are surrounded by many happy families of their children.

Mr. Hobart has used his progressiveness and good judgment to the betterment of the community in which he makes his home, as well as for the advancement of his own welfare, and is a man whose counsel is asked and heeded by his contemporaries.

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#### LEVERETT WELLINGTON BUELL.

Leverett W. Buell, formerly identified with farming interests and later engaged in the hotel business in Dallas, is now living retired. Centuries ago the Greek philosopher uttered the words of wisdom, "Earn thy reward: the gods give naught to sloth," and this truth has been manifest in all the ages. Mr. Buell is one who has justly earned all that he possesses and a life of activity is now crowned with an honorable rest. A native of Connecticut, he was born in Killingsworth, Middlesex county, February 22, 1840, a son of William and Louisa (Chatfield) Buell, who were likewise natives of that place. The father was a farmer by occupation, and enlisted in the war of 1812 but was not called out for active service. He filled the offices of justice of the peace and road commissioner and gave his political support to the democracy. He held membership in the Methodist church, while his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church and

both died in the place of their nativity. They had five children, of whom four are now living: Leverett W., Cornelia, the wife of Joseph H. Beal, a Methodist minister living in Portland, Maine; Jennie, now Mrs. Snow, of New Haven, Connecticut; and Celestra, wife of Darwell Stone, of Guilford, Connecticut.

L. W. Buell was educated in Killingsworth, Connecticut, and engaged in farming with his father until 1864, when he engaged in butchering and the meat business for five years. His marriage occurred in 1865, Miss Celestine E. Parmelee becoming his wife. She was born in Killingsworth, a daughter of Orin S. and Phoebe (Lynes) Parmelee, both of whom died in Connecticut, the mother being killed in a runaway accident. In their family were nine children, of whom three are living. Mrs. Buell died April 21, 1879, and was buried in Durham township, Hancock county. She had two children, one of whom died in infancy, while Frank W. was killed by a traction engine in Carthage township, March 24, 1905. He was a most highly respected and worthy young man, and his death came as a great blow to his father. He had married Emma Heiler, who still lives in Carthage township, and they had three children—Ethel, Chesley and Elwood. On the 21st of September, 1881, Mr. Buell married Mrs. Mary J. Potter, nee Robinson, whose parents live on a farm in Kansas. They had seven children: William and John, who are residents of Colusa, Illinois, and were soldiers of the Civil war; Martha and Elizabeth, both of Kansas; and Percival, of Oklahoma, who served in the Philip-

pine war. Mrs. Buell is the other member of the family. She lost her first husband in 1869. There were four children by that marriage, the eldest of which died in infancy, the others being: Louisa, the eldest, is the wife of Lemuel Wells, of Pontoosuc, Illinois, by whom she has five children: Sarah, the wife of Cleo Frice, of Dallas, and the mother of one child, and Jesse, Imogen, Mariette and Helen, all at home; Charlotte Potter is the wife of Albert Thannert, a traveling man for a Burlington hardware store, now living in Red Oak, Iowa. Warren Potter, who is living in North Chillicothe, Illinois, married Emma Snyder, of Burlington. They have four children: Harry LeRoy, Marie, Clifford and Allen.

Mr. Buell came west in 1869 in November, engaged in farming in Durham township until 1886, when on account of his health he retired to Dallas, purchasing a home on Front street, after spending two years as proprietor of the Riverside Hotel, of Dallas, which was destroyed by fire in 1890. He then bought his present home and he also owns a vacant lot in Kerby's first addition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Buell has been born a son, William Henry, who was born in Senora township, July 30, 1885, and is at home. For four years he has worked as a painter in Burg's factory. Mr. and Mrs. Buell are also rearing her niece, Verda Robinson, whose mother died when she was a little girl. She was born in November, 1894. In his political views Mr. Buell is a democrat and has served as town clerk and a commissioner of highways of Durham township.

He is a member of Dallas City Lodge No. 235 A. F. & A. M. of which he is past master, also a member of Dallas Chapter No. 111, of which he has been tyler for many years. A Methodist in religious faith and an active worker in the church, he was Sunday-school superintendent and secretary for thirteen years and sexton of the church for many years, while for three years he was also sexton of the Congregational church. His wife is a member of the Christian church, Mr. Buell is an intelligent man, of kind and generous disposition and of quiet manner. His wife, too, possesses many sterling traits of character and in the community where they reside they are accorded the approval of public opinion.

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#### BARZILLAI ROBINSON.

Barzillai Robinson, a retired farmer living in Hamilton, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 23, 1830, and is a representative of one of the old southern families. His paternal grandfather, Israel Robinson, was born in Virginia and married a Miss Hedge. They were early settlers of Ohio, removing to that state when the Indians were more numerous than the white men. They aided in reclaiming the region from the domain of the savages and converting it into uses of civilization and there they resided until called to their final rest. Their son, Silas Robinson, was born in Wellsburg, West Virginia, in 1798, and

was a descendant of Sarah Pierce, who came to America in the Mayflower, landing at Plymouth. After arriving at years of maturity, Silas Robinson was married to Miss Polly Warne, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1802, and was a daughter of Abram and Elizabeth (Pierce) Warne, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Polly Robinson was a descendant of James Pierce and the name Pierce was retained in the family through many generations. The maternal grandparents of our subject removed to Ohio about the same time the Robinson family was founded there and they, too, lived in that locality until called to the home beyond. Silas Robinson and Polly Warne were married in Ohio, where he owned and operated a quarter section of land and also conducted a gristmill in connection with his farm. In 1852 he started westward with his family, consisting of wife, three sons and one daughter, driving through in a wagon. They were two weeks upon the way from their Ohio home to Wythe township, Hancock county. Here Mr. Robinson purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of unimproved prairie land. They lived in a little log cabin until the following fall, when a neighbor returned to his old Ohio home and the Robinsons then occupied his two-story frame house. A few months afterward, however, this house was destroyed by fire, but as soon as possible Mr. Robinson erected a frame house on his own farm. He began the work of fencing the fields and breaking the land and as the years passed by he improved his farm until he made it a splendidly developed

property. He was an energetic, enterprising man and was well known as one of the leading farmers of his community. His death occurred in 1894, while his wife passed away in 1866.

Mr. Robinson of this review was the third in order of birth in a family of three sons and a daughter. The days of his boyhood and youth were passed in the usual manner of farm lads, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of that life in his boyhood days. His father had accumulated considerable land and afterward divided it among his children, Mr. Robinson securing one hundred and twenty acres of the old home place. There was a log cabin upon this tract, into which he removed after his marriage, which event occurred on the 31st of December, 1863, the lady of his choice being Miss Priscilla Callison, who was born in Illinois. She died in 1866 and in October, 1873, Mr. Robinson was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mollie E. (Chapman) Hill, a widow, who was born in Ohio and was a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Frazee) Chapman. Unto this marriage three children have been born: Mary Chapman, who is now teaching school in Hamilton; Wayland B., who occupies the home farm; and Jessie M. at home.

Following his first marriage Mr. Robinson began general farming and also raising and feeding horses, cattle and hogs. He was thus actively engaged for many years and kept adding to his land until he was the owner of two hundred acres, constituting a valuable property on sections 7 and 8, Wythe township.

He worked energetically and persistently year after year, gathering good crops and realizing good returns from his stock. At length after many years of active and successful connection with farming and stock-raising interests he retired to private life and in May, 1903, removed to Hamilton, where he purchased a residence which he now occupies with his two daughters, his wife having died in April, 1883. He has recently sold his farm to his son Wayland. In early manhood he engaged in teaching schools for a year before leaving Ohio and for three terms after coming to Hancock county, but otherwise he has always made farming his life work and is now enjoying a well-earned rest. He is known as a man of thorough reliability and enterprise and enjoys the respect of those with whom he has come in contact. He has lived in the county for more than a half century and has therefore witnessed much of its growth and development. Without special advantages in his youth, he has worked his way steadily upward to success. He attended school only during the winter months when a boy, but has acquired through practical experience and observation a good business education. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian and in his political views a republican. He has served as school trustee and assessor of Wythe township and at all times has been interested in movements for the general good. His services for the public have always been rendered with a view to the public good and from the standpoint of a patriotic citizen, none too many of which are to be found in this great country.

## WILLIAM T. DYE.

The farming interests of Carthage township find a worthy representative in William T. Dye, who is living on section 9, where he owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land. He is a native of Brown county, Ohio, born September 5, 1855, and when only seven months old was brought to Illinois by his parents, who settled in Rock River township, Hancock county, where the father purchased and improved a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He is a son of Wilson and Anna (Wall) Dye, both of whom were natives of Brown county, Ohio. The father engaged in farming there and followed the same pursuit subsequent to his removal to this state. Purchasing land in Rock River township he continued to make his home thereon until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-eight years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and a democrat in his political views, and throughout an active life he manifested sterling traits of character which won him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He was also one of the prosperous and progressive residents of his community and in addition to his farming interests he engaged in business as a bridge contractor and constructed several bridges near Warsaw, Hancock county. It was while building one of these bridges that he caught cold and pneumonia resulted, being terminated by death when his son William was but four years of age. His grave was made in the Carthage cemetery. His widow survived him for about six years and was married

to James Thompson. She died at or near Bentley, this state. By the first marriage there were four children, of whom William T. was the third in order of birth. Only two are now living, his sister being Mrs. Elizabeth F. L. Harper, who resides in Carthage, Hancock county, Illinois.

William T. Dye was educated in the common schools of Carthage, his mother having sold the farm and removed to that city in his boyhood days. He remained with her until her death, and at the early age of eleven years started out to fight life's battles unaided. He engaged in farm work by the month on various farms of the county, being thus employed until his marriage, which occurred on the 5th of October, 1876, the wedding being celebrated in Carthage. The lady of his choice was Miss Hortense Yetter, a daughter of William and Mary (Long) Yetter. Her father was one of the early settlers of this county, coming here from Ohio, his native state. He engaged in farming throughout his active business life with the exception of the period spent in the Civil war, in which he served for nearly four years. He is now living a retired life, making his home in the city of Carthage. Mrs. Dye was born in Hancock county, Illinois, pursued her education in the public schools and remained at home until her marriage. This union has been blessed with four children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. All were born in Carthage. Joseph E., the eldest, resides on the home place and assists his father in its cultivation and improvement. He married Miss Ollie Van Dyke,

and they have one child, William Francis. Frank L., the second son, residing in Springfield, Illinois, is an employe of one of the interurban railroads. He married Esta Reed and they have two children, Leland H. and Ruth I. Rowena May is the wife of Frank G. Wright, a resident farmer of Carthage township, and has one child, Goldie Mae. Homer W., a student in the Carthage high school is yet with his parents.

For sixteen years after his marriage Mr. Dye operated rented land in Carthage township, and in 1888 purchased his present farm, on which he has since resided. He put all of the present improvements upon the place, supplanting the old house with a good substantial frame dwelling, also erecting commodious barns and other outbuildings. He has the entire farm under cultivation and annually gathers rich harvests. In addition to the tilling of the soil he also engages in the raising of stock and his business interests are capably managed and bring to him a good return. His life has been one of untiring activity, crowned with a gratifying measure of success, yet he has found time to devote to public interests. In politics he is a democrat and has held the office of highway commissioner for eight years and is still filling the position. He, with his wife, is a member of the Presbyterian church; he is also a member of the Masonic fraternity of Carthage, the Modern Woodmen camp and the Illinois Bankers, a local fraternal and insurance organization of this state. Viewed in a personal light Mr. Dye is a strong man, strong in his honor and good name, in



his business capacity and in his accomplishments. Starting out when only eleven years of age with no assistance from influential friends or through inheritance, he owes all that he possesses to his own labors and as the architect of his fortunes has builded wisely and well.

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### CAMILLE P. DADANT.

Camille P. Dadant, president of the National Beekeepers Association and the vice president of the State Bank of Hamilton, is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative business men of Hancock county. In fact few residents of the county have such a wide acquaintance as Mr. Dadant, who is known by reason of his manufacturing interests not only throughout America but in foreign lands as well. It has been said that the name of Dadant is a familiar one wherever bee culture is carried on. The enterprise of which he is now the head, has reached extensive proportions and in its control he displays splendid business ability, executive force, keen foresight and capable management.

A native of Langres, France, he was born on the 6th of April, 1851, and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents old French families. His paternal great-grandfather was a locksmith of France. His grandfather, Dr. Francois Dadant, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in his native country throughout his entire life and was there married to Justine Jayet. Their son,

Charles Dadant, was born amid the golden hills of Burgundy at Vaux-Sous-Aubigny, France, on the 22d of May, 1817, and his education was completed by a collegiate course at Langres. While in his native country he wedded Gabrielle Parisot in 1847, her parents being Pierre and Louise (Guillomot) Parisot.

Charles Dadant was engaged in the operation of a tannery in his native country, but devoted the greater part of his attention to merchandising until the venture proved unprofitable, when, closing out his affairs in France, he sought a home in the new world, hoping to retrieve his fortunes in this country, nor was he destined to meet disappointment in this respect. On the contrary he entered upon a business career that proved eminently successful and gained him world-wide reputation in connection with his chosen line of endeavor. He came at once to Illinois and settled on a farm about two miles from Hamilton in Hancock county. He had planned to devote his attention to the cultivation of grapes, with which business he had become familiar in his youth in France, but at the same time he began the raising of bees and the latter proved so profitable that he concentrated his energies more and more largely upon this business, which he also developed along ramifying lines until he was recognized as one of the most prominent and extensive bee culturists not only in America but also in the world. Perhaps there are others who have produced as great an amount of honey in a single season, but there was no one who equalled him in the extent

of his comb foundation manufacture or in the importation of bees. The occupation proved both genial and profitable and yielded marvelous results. In 1873 he made a trip to Italy to import bees from that country to the United States on a large scale. He made a close study of the best methods of shipping bees, selling the Italian queen bees at ten dollars each or a colony for twenty dollars. In 1869, his son, Camille P. Dadant, whose name introduces this review, was admitted to a partnership and from that time forward until the father's death they were closely associated in their business relations and interests and the account of the father's work for the development of their enterprise is also the account of the son's labors. In 1878 they began the manufacture of comb foundation, intending the product only for their own use, as they were extensive bee keepers. The first year they manufactured five hundred pounds. Others, however, sought to become purchasers and this led them to increase their output to two thousand pounds the second year and six thousand pounds the third year and the increase has been continued at a proportionate or even greater rate until in the year ending July 1, 1904, they had manufactured one hundred and fifteen thousand pounds, thus giving them leadership among the manufacturers of comb foundation not only in America but in the world. A visit to the factory shows that it is equipped with every device necessary for the successful conduct of the work, the greatest care is taken in every department toward securing perfection and the absolutely perfect comb founda-

tion secures a most extensive and profitable sale.

Mr. Dadant's business consisted not only in the comb manufacture and the production of honey, the latter reaching way up into the thousands of pounds annually, but he also did much for bee culture throughout the world through the articles contributed to the leading bee journals of America and foreign lands as well. It is a noticeable fact in his history that when he came to the United States at the age of forty-six years he was unable to speak the English language, but the strength of purpose and will shown by him is indicated by the fact that he at once subscribed to the *New York Tribune* and denied himself any French papers or books so that he should be compelled to acquaint himself with the English tongue, using freely a dictionary for this purpose. Within three years he had acquired a mastery of English sufficient to enable him to write articles for the *American Bee Journal*, then published in Washington, D. C. He wielded a pen of still greater power when writing in his native language and it was due to his efforts through his published articles that the movable frame hive is today so much in use among French-speaking people, the Dadant and the Dadant-Blatt hives being among the most common in France. In 1886 he revised and republished the book of Langstroth on the Honey Bee, which has been styled the "classic in bee culture." This work was published almost simultaneously in America, France and Russia. The three latest editions were printed at Keokuk, Iowa, near his home.

His teachings spread over the world and there is not a civilized country where his name is unknown to progressive bee keepers. In 1874 he published a small book, *Petit Cours d'Apiculteur Pratique*, in the French language. His attention was given to the business of raising bees, producing honey and manufacturing the comb foundation up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1902, when he was in his eighty-fifth year. His business integrity was unassailable. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction but was a soul of honor and straightforward dealing in all business affairs. He was moreover a man of kindly purpose, of generous spirit and genial disposition and made friends of all with whom he came in contact. He possessed a most cheerful disposition and those who have had the pleasure of an acquaintance with him in his own home will testify to his genial and cordial spirit. He possessed, too, much of the spirit of the philanthropist, taking the most kindly interest in those whom he employed. He encouraged all of his French workmen to have homes of their own and allowed them certain times in which to cultivate their vines and work their ground. Ideal relations existed in the home. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dadant were born two daughters and a son: Mary; Mrs. E. J. Baxter, of Nauvoo; and C. P. Dadant, whose name introduces this record.

The last named was a youth of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to America. From this time forward his youth was passed

at the old homestead near Hamilton and at the age of twenty-four years he was admitted to a partnership by his father and the firm style of Dadant & Son has since been well known among the bee culturists of America and foreign lands. He now keeps about two hundred and fifty hives of bees and sold one hundred thousand pounds of foundation for honey comb in the year 1905. One of his buildings, constructed of iron and then painted, contains only beeswax and holds something like twenty thousand pounds. It is usually kept full, for it is the purpose of the firm to have on hand always a large supply of the only suitable material for making their excellent comb foundation. The bulk of the foundation made by the firm is the Weed process, which refers to the method of sheeting the wax before milling it. The largest crop of honey for one year was forty-five thousand pounds, from which they realized twenty-eight hundred dollars net of all expenses. They use the Dadant hive, which is of their own invention and manufacture and they believe in having large hives and big colonies and thus have practically no swarms of bees. After the death of his father Mr. Dadant of this review admitted his sons, Louis C. and Henry C., to a partnership and thus the firm style of Dadant & Sons was maintained. Mr. Dadant has also extended his business interests to other lines, being one of the organizers of the State Bank of Hamilton, of which he is the vice president. He was also one of the promoters of the water power of the Mississippi river for building a dam across the river from Keokuk to Hamil-

ton. The company formed for this purpose is composed of twenty-five members and Mr. Dadant became one of the executive committee of three, his associates being William Logan and A. E. Johnstone, of Keokuk. A man of resourceful business ability, keen enterprise and sound judgment, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and has developed a business at Hamilton which has become one of the important productive enterprises of his county.

On the 1st of November, 1875, Mr. Dadant was married to Miss Mary Marinelli, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 9, 1854, and was a daughter of Luigi Marinelli, a pioneer of the French Icarian community that settled in Nauvoo in 1848. His wife was Françoise Marinelli and their daughter, Mrs. Dadant, attended the common schools of Saint Clair county, Illinois. She shares with her husband in extending a warm-hearted, attractive and gracious hospitality to their many friends. They have a beautiful new home, a substantial brick residence, which was completed in 1904. From the rear is had a splendid view of the Mississippi river as it flows southward for nearly fourteen miles and across the river stands the city of Keokuk. In addition to this Mr. Dadant owns other property interests in and about Hamilton. Unto him and his wife have been born three sons and four daughters, namely: Louisa, the wife of Leon Saugier, of Hamilton; Valentine M., who attended the University of Illinois and is president of the Hamilton library, an organization which was formed sev-

eral years ago and of which the town is justly proud, Louis C., who married Eza Miller and lives near the main factory of the firm, being associated with his father in business; Henry C., who is also a partner and resides at home; Maurice G., who is a student in the Illinois State University at Champaign; Clemence and Harrietta, who are at home.

In his political views Mr. Dadant is a republican and has served as school trustee of Montebelle township, but otherwise has neither sought nor held public office. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Naturally, however, his attention is chiefly directed to his business interests, which are now of a varied and extensive nature and are a source of gratifying profit. The name of Dadant & Son has ever been synonymous with honorable dealing and success has come as the merited reward of business integrity, enterprise and diligence. Uniformly courteous and considerate of others, he at the same time possesses a force of character that everywhere commands respect and accomplishes results and is today accounted one of the most honored and respected citizens of Hancock county.

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#### ROBERT A. BARR.

Robert A. Barr, a farmer living near Colusa, whose success in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts, was

born February 13, 1871, upon the old family homestead in Dallas township, his parents being George W. and Mary E. (Dean) Barr. The father was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, near Louisville, in 1844, while the mother's birth occurred in Ohio in 1848. He became a resident of Dallas township on the 2d of April, 1859, and is still the owner of the farm of one hundred and sixty acres on which his son, Robert A., now resides. Unto him and his wife were born three children: Etta E., now the wife of Elmer Royse, of Aledo, Illinois; Robert A.; and Mary Otellia, who is living with her parents in Dallas City, the father having retired from active farm life to enjoy a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Robert A. Barr began his education in the district schools of Dallas township and continued his studies in Carthage College, where he remained for two years. Through the period of his youth and after attaining his majority he remained with his parents on the old homestead, living with them until thirty-one years of age and during the latter part of that period practically carrying on the work of the home farm. On the 26th of February, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Elizabeth Massie, who was born in Fountain Green township, Hancock county, August 13, 1882, a daughter of John S. and Mary E. (Myers) Massie. The father was born in Rock Creek township, this county, October 24, 1855, and the mother's birth occurred in Iowa, October 21, 1859. She was four or five years of age when brought by her parents to Hancock

county. Mr. and Mrs. Massie are well known residents of Pontoosuc township and in the control of his business interests the father has become well-to-do and is accounted a representative agriculturist of his community. Unto him and his wife have been born eight children: Ethel E., Stuart M., living in Montana; Goldy V., deceased; Grover C.; Fern F.; Cheryl Beatrice; Ralph Emerson; and Ruby Marie.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Barr rented his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Dallas township, which is one of the best farms in Hancock county, and he has since given his time and energies to its further cultivation and improvement. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and is regarded as one of the model farmers of the community. As the years have passed the home has been blessed with the presence of three children: Homer Dysinger, born December 17, 1902; Emmet Cleophas, July 6, 1904; and Ada Cheryl, December 15, 1905. All were born in the house in which their father's birth occurred and they constitute a most interesting family.

In his political views Mr. Barr is a democrat and has served as constable for two terms but has never been a politician in the sense of office-seeking, as he has preferred to devote his time and energies to his business interests. He had no money when he was married and started out in life on his own account, but through his economy, energy and unfaltering industry and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has indeed been a helpmate to him, he has accumulated

a considerable share of this world's goods and is accounted one of the leading and representative farmers of his community. He is well read, keeping informed on all matters of general interest as well as the political questions of the day and is a man of genial, jovial disposition, who has many warm friends. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen lodge of Colusa and for three years has been clerk and holds a certificate of efficiency from the Court of Honor. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and Mr. Barr is a man of domestic taste, thoroughly devoted to his family, their welfare and happiness.

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#### CHARLES E. CLARK.

Charles E. Clark, a retired farmer living in Dallas City, was born March 10, 1868, in the city which is still his home, and is a son of William J. and Abigail (Ellis) Clark. The father was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, October 16, 1837, and the mother in Vevay, Switzerland county, Indiana, May 25, 1836. She became a resident of Hancock county in 1841, and William J. Clark was only about six years of age when he accompanied his parents to this county, where they were married February 27, 1859. Both were representatives of honored old pioneer families of this portion of the state. The maternal and paternal grandparents settled here in an early day and for some years lived in log cabins, spend-

ing their days in true pioneer style amid the environments of frontier life. The father of our subject cleared and developed several farms which he sold at a good advance, and as the years passed by he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits. He died October 10, 1870, his widow surviving until July 23, 1905, and both were laid to rest in Harris cemetery, in Dallas township. Mr. Clark was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting as a member of Company F, Fiftieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which he joined near the close of hostilities. He was with the company that responded to a call for the protection of Chicago and thus served until mustered out. He staunchly advocated republican principles and was a faithful member of the Christian church. They had three children but the two daughters died in early childhood.

Charles E. Clark, the only surviving member of the family, was educated in the common schools of Dallas City and at the age of twelve years went to the country with his mother, settling upon a farm in Durham township where he lived until 1899. He was then married to Mrs. Martha Ackerson, widow of George Ackerson, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Martha E. Howard. She was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1851, a daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Howard, the former born April 23, 1825, and the latter February 18, 1827. Mr. Howard was a native of Dayton, Ohio, and his wife of Indiana. He devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and when eighteen years of age became a resident of Crawford county, Illinois.

where he resided for seven years, then removing to Adams county where he resided until about 1857 when he came to Dallas township, where he made his home for many years until the time of his death. In politics he was a democrat and having removed to Hancock county in 1857, he served for nineteen years as township treasurer here. His wife died May 7, 1885, and his death occurred on the 17th of March, 1898, both being laid to rest in Harris cemetery. They had ten children, of whom four are now living: Mrs. Martha E. Clark; Mary Ann, the wife of William Robinson, of Dallas township; Charlotte, the wife of Edward Gill, of Dallas township; and Angeline, the wife of Philip Ritchey, of Dallas township.

After a year's residence in the south Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark located in Dallas City, Hancock county, he owning a farm of eighty acres in Durham township. Mrs. Clark also owns eighty acres in Dallas township. He was a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He and his wife occupy a beautiful home at the corner of Front and Pine streets which Mrs. Clark purchased from her father's estate in 1899. Since then Mr. Clark has retired, having rented the farm but he still oversees it.

In his political views Mr. Clark has always been a strong republican but without aspiration for office. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Christian church, in which he has been a deacon for a number of years, and in the work of the church they take an active and helpful interest. Of a studious nature, very fond of books, he reads broadly, thinks deeply and is an intelligent man. Both

he and his estimable wife have the warm regard of many friends, she being a lady of pleasing address, presiding with gracious hospitality over her home. They are now surrounded by all the comforts that go to make life worth living, occupying an attractive and pleasant home in Dallas City.

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#### S. E. HARNEST.

S. E. Harnest, a retired farmer living in Carthage, was born in Champaign county, Ohio, March 8, 1835, his parents being John and Anna (Spitler) Harnest, the former born September 20, 1797, and the latter April 3, 1809, their birthplace being Upshire county, Virginia. The paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, valiantly aiding in the struggle for independence. The ancestral history of the family was one of which the descendants have every reason to be proud, for the men have displayed activity and honor in business and fidelity in all life's relations, while the women have been marked by the true womanly traits of character which command the highest respect. The paternal grandparents, John and Anna Harnest, were charter members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist church in Champaign county, Ohio. This church was organized April 24, 1830, by Elder William Fuson, the first meeting being held on the first Sunday in April, 1830. It was estimated that one thousand people were in attendance on

this occasion, every section of the county being represented. The name of the church was chosen because of the following circumstance. A short time before the organization, the wife of Elder Fuson had a dream that she had read the first chapter on Zachariah before retiring for the night and meditated on the beauty of the myrtle tree, and in her dream she saw the tree in the lovely valley, beholding it in all its glory. The dream so impressed her that at her request the church was called the Myrtle Tree church. Its original members were George Pine, Bryant Moody, John Harnest, James Pine, William Fuson, Phebe Moody, Ann Harnest, Sarah Pine, Sarah Pine, Sr., Deidamia Fuson, Lucy Comer and Elizabeth Whitmore. All of the above have entered into the church triumphant. Eight of the number received their letters of dismissal from the Symm's Creek Baptist church in Lawrence county, Ohio, in order to attend the newly-organized Myrtle Tree church, while the remaining five had formerly been members of the Nettle Creek church. John Harnest, the grandfather of S. E. Harnest, was the first baptismal candidate. He had served as a soldier of the Revolutionary war in connection with the father of Elder Fuson and he was the first person buried in the cemetery of the new church, his death occurring on the 10th of September, 1830. John Harnest, Jr., was elected clerk and John Harnest, Sr., deacon of the church. A house of worship was erected shortly after the organization of the church on land purchased of Samuel Kite, the consideration for the property being a calico dress for Mrs. Kite. Elder Fuson con-

tinued pastor there until September 25, 1841, when old age compelled him to resign.

John Harnest, father of our subject, was a native of Virginia, later moved to Ohio and removed from that state to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1838. He found a pioneer district and at once began to clear the land and built a log cabin. Every evidence of frontier life was here to be seen, and he killed many deer, turkeys and wolves in those early days. The homes of the settlers were widely scattered and many of the now thriving towns and villages had not yet been founded. Through a long period he carried on agricultural pursuits and bore an active and helpful part in the work of public progress, aiding in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present upbuilding and progress of the county. In politics he was a democrat and for many years served as school director. Both he and his wife were members of the Missionary Baptist church, taking an active and helpful part in its work and for a number of years he served as one of its deacons. In the family were twelve children, three of whom survive: Daniel S., who is living in Arkansas; S. E., of this review; and Mary J., the widow of Palestine Wright, of Carthage. The father died November 1, 1864, and his remains were interred in the Ray graveyard. The mother long survived him, departing this life in June, 1896.

S. E. Harnest attended the district schools of Carthage township and remained upon his father's farm until twenty-six years of age, assisting in the arduous task of developing new land and shar-



ing with the family in the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier. In the early days of the family's residence here the winters were very severe. They were visited by many blizzards and the father had settled in the timber that it might afford protection for the stock and also furnish an abundant supply of firewood. When the farmers commenced to improve the prairie land for the first time after it had been vacated by the red race he fitted up a team of oxen with five or six yoke and started his eldest son, D. S. Harnest and his son Samuel E. of this review to breaking prairie land with a large plow, which would turn a 26-inch furrow. They thus engaged in breaking prairie for a number of years, sharpening their plows at the blacksmith shop on Saturdays, using a small anvil and heavy hammer to draw out the shear with the use of several sharp files would run a week at a time. The anvil which was then used is still in possession of S. E. Harnest of this review, who has broken hundreds of acres of land and while thus engaged has encountered numerous large rattlesnakes. The whip lashes were made of buckskin, which were dressed by his father and the stocks were of hickory or ironwood. As it was necessary for them to clear off this land the mother made the sons buckskin trousers as she thought they were stronger and would better stand the wear and tear of such a life. The elder brother, D. S. Harnest, was in the Mormon war, which resulted in the shooting of Hiram and Joseph Smith in 1844. John A. Harnest, a second brother who went through to California with ox team, died in 1853.

On the 21st of February, 1861, S. E. Harnest married Miss Matilda Ann Walton, who was born in St. Mary's township, Hancock county, April 6, 1841, a daughter of Frederick M. and Emily (Rice) Walton. The father was born in Mason county, Kentucky, January 11, 1809, and the mother's birth occurred in Boone county, Kentucky, January 10, 1811. They were married January 31, 1831, and became very early settlers of Hancock county, arriving in 1835, at which time they took up their abode in St. Mary's township, residing continuously upon one farm until 1880, when Mr. Walton died. His first home was a little log cabin, in which he lived until 1840, when he employed John Harper, who made mortar brick and was also a bricklayer, to build him a house. Mrs. Harnest was the first child in the county born in a brick house. Mr. Walton was a republican in his political views after the organization of the party and served as highway commissioner and was school director for many years. He supported every feasible plan for the benefit of the community and co-operated in many movements that were of direct benefit to this part of the state. Both he and his wife were members of the Missionary Baptist church. In their family were eight children but only three are now living: John, a resident of Plymouth, Illinois; Mrs. Harnest, of Carthage; and Simon M., who lives upon the old homestead farm. The father passed away April 10, 1880, and the mother on the 8th of November, 1904, their remains being interred in Plymouth cemetery. In his business affairs Mr. Walton pros-

pered and he gave to each of his children about two hundred acres of good land.

His widow resided upon the old homestead from 1835 until 1902, covering a period of sixty-seven years and there spent her remaining days (except about two years she spent in Carthage), with her daughter, Mrs. Harnest. She was one of the charter members of the Baptist church of St. Mary's township, organized in 1837, and outlived all of the other original members, exemplifying each day her faith and Christian belief. She was also the last survivor of the organizers of the Plymouth Baptist church and she had many warm friends who admired her greatly for her Christian virtues and good qualities of heart and mind.

For the first three years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Harnest lived on a farm near Plymouth but their home there was destroyed by fire and they afterward bought a farm in Carthage township, where they resided for twenty-seven years. They had a comfortable home which they improved with porches, etc. He also built two new barns and out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. The farm lay on sections 24 and 25 and comprised two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, which is still in his possession. For many years Mr. Harnest carefully cultivated the fields, developed the property and won success in his undertakings as an agriculturist and feeding stock, but in 1891 moved to Carthage, building a pretty home on No. 611 Main street, adjoining the Baptist church. He has since lived retired in the enjoyment of a well-earned rest, his labor in former years having

brought to him a competence sufficient to supply him with the necessities and comforts of life together with some of its luxuries.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harnest have been born three children, of whom two are now living, the oldest two having been born near Plymouth and the other in Carthage township. Mary Emily, born January 2, 1862, became the wife of F. M. Cutler, who now lives in Carthage. She died May 13, 1895, in the triumphs of a living faith, leaving a son, Fred Francis, who died April 22, 1900, at the age of seventeen years. He was a good Christian youth and was a great comfort to his grandparents. John Walton Harnest, born August 4, 1863, married Olive Robertson, and is a stock dealer living in Carthage. He has one child, Forest I. Frederick Eldridge Harnest, born March 19, 1869, lives in Quincy, where he conducts a livery stable. He had the misfortune to have his barn destroyed by fire January 18, 1906, but has since purchased another livery barn and is again in business. He married Miss Bertie M. Wright and has three children, Pauline, Waldo W. and Mary Marguerite.

Mr. Harnest is largely a self-made man and owing to his economy and energy in former years is now very comfortably situated in his old age. He has always been a very methodical man and since his marriage has kept a daily diary of events and incidents. Mrs. Harnest is a lady of very retentive memory and intelligence and her good qualities have won her many friends with whom she spends many pleasant hours in social conversation on subjects which give enjoyment to all.

## OSCAR HUBBARD BURR.

Oscar Hubbard Burr, who is the owner of valuable farming property in Durham township, consisting of two hundred and forty acres in the home farm and also twenty acres on another section, was born in that township February 4, 1858, his parents being Edward and Julia (Wilcox) Burr, both of whom were natives of Connecticut. The father was born December 24, 1814, and the mother on the 13th of July, 1817. When he came to Hancock county in 1839 from his native state he traveled with a party of sixteen, who made the journey with two small wagons and were six weeks upon the way, crossing the swamps and mountains and suffering many privations and hardships, as they journeyed on after the primitive manner of travel of those days. Here Mr. Burr began life in true pioneer style, living in a log house for some time. The family had no table and scarcely any table cutlery for a number of years. Various wild animals roamed over his land and many evidences of pioneer life were to be seen. In 1852 he built the main part of the house in which his son, O. H. Burr, now resides, and from time to time he added to his possessions until at his death he was very comfortably situated and was known as an enterprising and respected citizen of his community. He died June 11, 1895, while his wife passed away July 18, 1862, their remains being interred in Durham cemetery. Both were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political views accorded with the principles of the Republican party. An old-fashioned teapot which he brought

to Illinois in 1839 is now in possession of his son, O. H. Burr, and is a much prized relic. In the family were seven children: Jonathan E., who was born August 11, 1837, and lives in Cowley county, Kansas; Julia C., who was born November 11, 1838, and is the wife of William H. Avis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Esther A., who was born June 3, 1841, and is the wife of Harvey H. Pershin, of Portland, Oregon; Orpha D., who was born February 14, 1845, and is the wife of S. E. Harkness, of southern Nebraska; Emily C., who was born April 15, 1850, and is the wife of D. L. Toof, of Aurora, Nebraska; Demnis V., who was born December 14, 1854, and became the wife of Edwin Burr, her death occurring in Hancock county, Illinois, March 30, 1881, while Mr. Burr resides in Nebraska; and O. H., who was born in Durham township, February 4, 1858.

The last named was educated in the district schools of his native township and remained with his parents until in his twenty-first year, when he was married and started out in life on his own account. It was on the 20th of October, 1878, that he wedded Miss Mahala I. Potter, who was born in Durham township, Hancock county, June 28, 1859, one of the ten children of Warren and Mahala (Collins) Potter. Her father, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 9, 1813, followed the occupation of farming as a life work and after living for some time in Adams county, Illinois, removed in 1858 to Hancock county and took up his abode in a log cabin, living in true pioneer style. As the years passed he improved his farm and at a later date

added modern equipments. He died January 23, 1883, and his wife, who was born in Indiana, October 3, 1821, passed away March 2, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven years and was laid to rest by his side in Union cemetery. Six of their children are yet living: Rebecca E., the wife of James Potter, of Macomb, Illinois; Cynthia J., the wife of R. T. H. Bartlett, of Dallas City; Mary Effie, the wife of W. O. Stout, of Thayer, Oregon county, Missouri; Olive E., the wife of C. F. Bross, of Colusa; Mahala L., now Mrs. Burr; and Josephine, the wife of George Arnt, of Beatrice, Nebraska, while Allen Potter was killed by a runaway in California, and Weaver Potter died in Missouri.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Burr began their domestic life in a house on the place where he now lives. After a year they removed to his father's house. Throughout the intervening years Mr. Burr has carried on general agricultural pursuits and is now engaged in cultivating two hundred and forty acres of land in Durham township. He has improved the house, built barns and sheds, while one of the barns upon the place was erected by his father in 1861. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and everything about the farm indicates his careful supervision and progressive methods.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Burr has been blessed twith four children, all born in the house which was their father's birthplace. Oscar H., Jr., the eldest, born July 14, 1882, married Catherine Klossing, of Durham township, and they have a son, Ralph Joseph Oscar Burr. Bessie

C., born October 18, 1888, is at home; Mamie, born July 8, 1891, died two days later; Hazel C., born March 18, 1893, is with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Burr are members of the Free Methodist church and take an active interest in its work, living the lives of earnest Christian people. He votes with the prohibition party, which indicates his views on the temperance question, and he is a school director, standing at all times for intellectual and moral progress and giving his endorsement to every measure which he believes will uplift humanity.

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#### JOHN A. FLETCHER.

John A. Fletcher, living retired in Carthage, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, May 22, 1838, and his parents, Elisha and Elizabeth (Lane) Fletcher, were also natives of that county, where the father lived and died, following the occupation of farming as a life work. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and he served as tax collector. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church, but both have passed away, their remains being interred in Ohio.

Of their family of five children John A. Fletcher is the only one now living. He was educated in the district schools of Ohio, the little "temple of learning" being a log building with puncheon floor, and small windows, slab seats and an immense fireplace. He remained upon the

home farm with his parents until his marriage. It was on the 13th of January, 1858, that he wedded Miss Elizabeth Palmer, who was born June 9, 1840, in Muskingum county, Ohio, a daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Butler) Palmer, the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Muskingum county. Mr. Palmer was a farmer by occupation and was killed in Ohio in April, 1844, by a log falling upon him. He was at that time serving as road supervisor. The mother was a member of the old primitive Baptist church. In the family were three children by the first marriage, but only two are now living, Mrs. Fletcher and Augusta, the latter the widow of Mr. King, who is living in Kansas City, Kansas. The mother later married Abner Lane. They left two living children.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher lived upon a farm in Muskingum county, Ohio, until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when Mr. Fletcher, in response to his country's need, enlisted as a member of Company D, Sixteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was afterward transferred to Company I of the invalid corps and was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. He served for three years and one month and was honorably discharged in October, 1864. At Camp Dennison, Ohio, in the first year of the war, he had an attack of typhoid fever, being ill in the hospital there for a long time and as a result his left side was paralyzed and has always remained so. He participated in the battles of Mills Springs and Cumberland, where he was wounded in the leg by the explosion of

a shell, which also cut off the stock of his gun. He was likewise in the battles of Tazewell, Tennessee, Cumberland Gap and Vicksburg, where he was stripped of his clothing by the rebels and lay for two days and nights in the rain. He likewise participated in the engagements at Thompson's Hill and McKenzie Bend. His regiment was the Sixteenth Ohio Infantry and Company D was commanded by Captain Milton Mills, while the first lieutenant was Thomas Hedge and the second lieutenant William Dorsey. All were from Dresden, Ohio. He was a brave soldier and made a great sacrifice for his country, but he did it cheerfully and willingly and no one displays a more patriotic spirit than does Mr. Fletcher, who is always interested in the welfare of his country and her progress. His eldest and his youngest brothers, Spencer and Joshua Fletcher respectively, were also soldiers of the Civil war. Joshua died from the effects of injury sustained at Cumberland Gap and was buried there. Spencer was wounded at Vicksburg and died at Milliken's Bend. They, too, were soldiers of the Sixteenth Ohio Regiment and Henry Fletcher, a cousin, was with the three brothers in this regiment, while George Fletcher, an uncle, was in the Seventy-eighth Ohio Regiment. Charles and Henry Tatham, cousins of Mrs. Fletcher, were likewise soldiers of the Sixteenth Ohio and Charles H. Butler, another cousin, was a soldier of Company D, Twelfth Illinois Infantry and was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865.

After his return from the war Mr. Fletcher located upon a farm in Licking

county, Ohio, and in 1869 came to Illinois. About 1871 or 1872 he located upon a farm of ninety acres in Carthage township, and for many years thereafter was devoted to general agricultural pursuits, conducting his business interests with good ability. He has now been retired for twelve years, has made his home in the city of Carthage since February, 1903, and is in poor health. He possesses, however, a cheerful nature and most kindly disposition and bears his sufferings uncomplainingly. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have been born eight children, four of whom were born in Ohio and the others in Carthage township. Francis L., the eldest, married Miranda J. Kimbrough, has a son, Charles, and lives in Carthage. Sarah L. died in infancy. Alferetta May is the wife of Willis Ervin, a resident of Carthage township, and has six children: Edward, Ethel, George, Genevieve, Hazel and Harry. Of these children Edward Ervin married Bernice Reed, resides in West Point, Iowa, and has a son, Frederick. Ethel Ervin is the wife of Frank Briley, lives in Carthage township, and has a little son, Thomas Briley. Joshua E. Fletcher, the fourth Linn and resides at Carthage. Abner P. Fletcher owns a farm near West Point, Iowa, married Miss Martha Conn and has five daughters: Ada, Georgie, Lena, Alice and Blanche. Mina A., is the wife of Perry D. Myers, of Pilot Grove township, and has four children: Ray, Hurl, Florence and Ernest. Knox B. Fletcher wedded Miss Mary B. Connoughton, resides in Carthage, and has a daughter, Lola D. Winnifred is the wife of Fred

Craig, of Hannibal, Missouri. He enlisted in the Twentieth Infantry of the regular army and was transferred to the Fifth Regiment, being stationed at Santiago during the Spanish-American war. He was in Cuba for eight months, enlisting at Keokuk, Iowa, in 1900. He was absent for a year in active service but now resides in Hannibal.

In politics Mr. Fletcher is a stalwart republican, having given unfaltering allegiance to the party since attaining his majority. He has been actively interested in the cause of education and has done effective service in behalf of the public schools of Carthage during many years' service on the school board, of which he has acted as clerk, while for twelve years he was its president. He is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America of Carthage, also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and is a member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife and some of his children also belong. He owns the comfortable home on Locust street where he has lived since coming to the city. He has been an enterprising, self-made man, whose success is due entirely to his own labors and efforts. Handicapped by ill health, he has nevertheless worked resolutely and earnestly year after year and has accumulated a comfortable competence. In his family he has been a devoted husband and father and in his illness his wife and daughter, Mrs. Craig, put forth every effort to assuage his suffering. His life has practically been a sacrifice to his country. Wherever known he is held in high esteem, for he possesses those traits of character which win friendship, confi-

dence and regard and his many friends will be glad to receive this record of his life.

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### HENRY JENKINS.

Henry Jenkins is one of the early settlers of Hancock county, who through many years has been an interested witness of the changes that have occurred and the progress that has been made as the county has emerged from pioneer conditions and taken on all of the evidences and improvements of an advanced civilization. He now makes his home in Carthage, and owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Carthage township, that under his care and development has been transformed into a highly improved and productive property. He was born in Roan county, Tennessee, on the 17th of September, 1838, and there resided until twelve years of age, when he came to Illinois in 1851 with his parents, John and Sarah (Rayborn) Jenkins. The father was born in Virginia, representing one of the old southern families, and throughout his active life he carried on farming. Upon coming to Hancock county he settled in Rock Creek township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, making his home thereon until 1862. He then removed to Harmony township, trading his original farm for a tract of land in Harmony township, of two hundred and twenty acres which was partially improved. He gave his time and energies to its further development

for some years and then bought another place in Harmony township, after which he sold the other farm, residing upon the last purchased property for many years. Eventually, however, he went to Bentley, where he lived with one of his daughters until he was called to his final rest, passing away at the very advanced age of ninety-one years. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist church and a man of earnest Christian faith and character. His political support was given to the democracy. In his business affairs he prospered and though he only had seventy-five dollars in money when he came to Illinois, he succeeded in rearing a large family, providing for them a comfortable living and acquiring a competency for his last years. His remains were interred in Harmony township cemetery. His wife, who was born in Tennessee, grew to womanhood there. She was also a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and died about six years prior to her husband's demise, her grave being also made in Harmony township cemetery. Unto this worthy couple were born thirteen children, seven of whom are living.

Henry Jenkins remained upon the home farm until twenty-five years of age, no event of special importance occurring to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth, his attention being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the duties of the fields and the pleasures of the playground. He was then married but continued to reside upon a part of the old homestead property for a few years, after which he removed to Missouri, where he resided for three years, engaged in farming during that time. He then

returned to Hancock county, Illinois, where he remained for five years in Harmony township. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Knox county, Missouri, where he spent nine years, when he again came to Hancock county and purchased his present farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Carthage township. Here he has lived continuously, until recently. He bought the farm sixteen years ago and has placed thereon many improvements, securing the best machinery for the development of the fields, adding many modern equipments and accessories. He has a good frame dwelling and other buildings upon his place and devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising, having good grades of stock. In September, 1906, Mr. Jenkins bought a residence on Scofield street, Carthage, and in October moved with his family to the city in order to give his sons better educational advantages.

At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Jenkins was married to Miss Family V. Mauk, who was born in Virginia and removed to Hancock county, Illinois, with her parents when a small child. Her father, Abram Mauk, came to this county in 1851, and followed the occupation of farming in Harmony township, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he was about fifty-five years of age. His wife died in Virginia. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have been born thirteen children, nine of whom are living: Robert, a farmer residing at home; Ada, the wife of Robert E. Granger, a resident farmer of Hancock township, by whom she had seven children: Charles, May, Sarah, Clara and Roy, who are living, and two

who died in infancy; John, a teamster of La Harpe, Kansas, who married Cora Willis; Sarah, the wife of Homer Riggins, a farmer residing in Hancock township, by whom she has one daughter, Anna; Ollie, at home; Anna, married Jesse Ruddle, of Oak Grove, and has two sons, Leland H. and Roy T.; Lucinda Belle, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Harvey, Edward and Thomas, all at home; one who died at the age of eight years, while three died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are members of the Primitive Baptist church, and he votes with the democracy, but has never cared for public office, his time and attention being fully occupied with his business interests, which have been carefully managed, and though his life has not been exempt from the difficulties and obstacles which usually come to all in a business career, he has overcome all these by determination and energy and is now the possessor of a valuable farm property which yields him a good income. He has also seen many improvements made in Hancock county during the long years of his residence here, and has done his full share in the work of citizenship, standing for progress and improvements along all those lines which are of direct and immediate serviceableness in the promotion of material, intellectual, social and moral progress.

Mr. Jenkins and his family richly deserve the high esteem in which they are held by their many friends in the community where they have so long resided, and they are well worthy of representation in the Biographical Review of Hancock County.



## VERRIEUS R. FAUGHT.

Verrieus R. Faught, for many years identified with general agricultural pursuits and now doing business as a gardener at Hamilton, was born in New Madrid, Missouri, April 1, 1843. His parents were Sanford and Caroline (Seavers) Faught, the former a native of Frankfort, Kentucky, and the latter of Baden, Germany. The mother was brought from Germany to Pennsylvania during her infancy. Her mother died when the daughter was quite young and she afterward lived with her father until her marriage, which was celebrated in Evansville, Indiana. Sanford Faught had been reared in Kentucky and in early manhood was married there. Two sons were born of the first marriage, but his wife and children all died in Kentucky. Following his marriage to Caroline Seavers he lived in New Madrid, Missouri, for a few months and afterward removed to Evansville, Indiana, and then to Keokuk, Iowa, where he worked at his trade of house building, making his home there from 1849 until 1853. In the latter year, with his family, he took up his abode in what is now the western part of Hamilton, and purchased forty acres of land, which at that time was covered with a dense growth of timber. He cleared a portion of this and built a frame house, bringing the lumber across the river in a skiff. From the door of his house he could frequently see deer and wild turkeys. As the town of Hamilton grew he subdivided his land and sold it off in town lots. He was one of the promoters of the movements to secure the

first ferry to Keokuk and one of the influential men of the town, a fact which is indicated in that the early name of the town was Faughtsburg, but after a few years it was changed to Hamilton. He measured off the first town lot in Hamilton with a tape line and from the earliest inception of the village until his death was closely identified with its growth and progress. He died March 24, 1856, and his wife, long surviving him, remained an esteemed resident of Hamilton until called to her final home on the 27th of June, 1903. The name of Sanford Faught, however, is inseparably interwoven with the history of Hamilton and he will always be honored as one of its founders.

Verrieus R. Faught, the eldest in a family of two sons and four daughters, of whom two of the daughters and the brother of our subject are now deceased, spent his boyhood days in Hamilton, his parents removing to Hancock county when he was but a young lad. He pursued his education in the public schools and also attended a commercial college at Davenport, Iowa. He has watched the growth and development of Hamilton from a wilderness to a thriving city and has been a co-operant factor in many progressive public movements. He assisted his parents on the home farm until the 1st of September, 1862, when he enlisted for active service in the Civil war as a member of Company D, Seventy-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was in the Fourteenth Army Corps in the Army of the Cumberland and participated in the Atlanta campaign, the battle of Chickamauga and many other important en-

gagements and in the celebrated march to the sea under General Sherman. He fought in the battles of Jonesboro, Georgia, September 1, 1864; Kingston, Tennessee; Chattanooga, November 25, 1863; Lookout Mountain; Atlanta, September 1, 1864; Savannah, Georgia; Evansboro, North Carolina; Rome and Resaca, Georgia; Kennesaw Mountain, June 27, 1864; and Bentonville, North Carolina, March 19, 1865. He was mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., on the 2d of June, 1865, after almost three years of active duty in the south, and he proved his loyalty and bravery on various battlefields and under many of the arduous conditions which war brings.

Returning to Hamilton, Mr. Faught turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits after spending a few months at St. Joseph, Missouri. He has followed farming throughout his entire life and for many years was a prosperous agriculturist but has now put aside the more arduous duties of the farm and has given his attention to gardening, in which he is doing a big business. He bought six lots in the Oakwood addition to Hamilton, where he has his residence and in the fall of 1904 he added three more lots. He has a good trade in garden products, placing upon the market many of the finest vegetables produced in this section of the country.

On the 2d of March, 1881, Mr. Faught was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Frances Nelson, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, November 8, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of Quincy, Illinois, and of Keokuk, Iowa. She also studied to be a nurse in the training

school in connection with the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk. Her father, John S. Nelson, was born in Beardstown, Illinois, and married Phebe J. Turner, whose birth occurred in Clermont county, Ohio, October 21, 1841, while his natal day was January 22, 1829. In their family were nine children, four sons and five daughters. Mrs. Nelson, removing to the middle west, made the journey over the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Peoria in 1844 and since that time has made her home in Peoria and Hamilton, living in the latter city since 1870. She now makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Faught. By this marriage have been born a son and daughter: Emmett Sanford, born April 9, 1882, is now living in Peoria, Illinois. Almeda May, born June 16, 1885, is the wife of John Seavers residing in San Francisco, California, a machinist on the battleships in the navy yard.

Since his return from the war Mr. Faught has resided continuously in Hamilton and is one of the oldest citizens here, having been brought to the county in pioneer times when a young lad. He is a member of the Freewill Baptist church, gives his political allegiance to the Republican party and is a valued representative of the Grand Army Post.

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#### JUDGE THOMAS COKE SHARP.

Judge Thomas Coke Sharp, deceased, left the impress of his individuality upon

Hancock county as journalist, lawyer, county judge, a member of the state constitutional convention of 1848, a leader in the movement against the Mormons and as advocate of railroad projects. Any one of these things would entitle him to mention among the representative citizens of this part of the state, while his combined labor made him a distinguished man, recognized as a leader of public thought and action.

Judge Sharp was born September 25, 1818, at Mount Holly, New Jersey. His father, Rev. Solomon Sharp, was born on the eastern shore of Maryland and was a noted pioneer Methodist minister of the Philadelphia conference. His mother was a member of the well known and prominent Budd family, of Pemberton, Burlington county, New Jersey. In his pastoral work Rev. Sharp was stationed at different times at Trenton, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Delaware, and was also connected with the Salem circuit of New Jersey, the Christiana circuit of Delaware, the Smyrna and the Dover circuits, after which he entered upon superannuated relations with the church, his death occurring within a short time.

Thomas Coke Sharp, after attending the common schools, entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1835, and in 1837 became a student in the law school conducted by Judge Reed, of Carlisle. He supported himself during the last eighteen months of his law course by teaching in the male high school, of which he took charge when twenty years of age. He was also teacher of mathematics for six months in Dickinson College in the absence of one of the professors. Following

his graduation from Judge Reed's school he was in April, 1840, matriculated in the Cumberland Law School. In September of the same year he came west and opened a law office in Warsaw, Illinois, which he successfully maintained until 1865, when he located in Carthage, where he resided until his death.

While in Warsaw, Judge Sharp's hearing became impaired, so that he gave up the practice of law for a few years or until 1858. He practiced for but a year in Warsaw, after which he became one of the proprietors of the *Western World*, his partner in the enterprise being James Gamble. The paper was published as a whig organ, but Mr. Sharp soon placed it upon a neutral political basis, for he was an advocate of Jacksonian democracy. In 1841 the name of the paper was changed to the *Warsaw Signal*. Although the two partners worked hard and faithfully they realized in 1842 that they could not raise the debt on the establishment and the paper passed again into the hands of its first proprietor, D. N. White.

It was in the same year, on the 6th of September, 1842, that Judge Sharp was married to Mrs. Hannah G. Wilcox, the widow of John R. Wilcox, one of the original proprietors of the town site of Warsaw. She was a most highly esteemed lady, enjoying the warm regard of all who knew her. She had six children, one born of her first marriage and five of her marriage to Judge Sharp, but only two of the number are now living: Charles G., who resides in Shadron, Missouri; and W. O. Sharp, who is represented elsewhere in this work. The wife and mother passed away October 3, 1879.

About the time the Warsaw Signal suspended Judge Sharp decided to try farming, but soon realized that nature had never intended him for a tiller of the soil and he made arrangements to again resume the publication of the Warsaw Signal in 1844. He soon became widely known as a journalist whose articles of attack against the Mormons awakened wide-spread attention and aroused public opinion. The sect turned out upon him its vengeance and wrath and called him "Old Tom Sharp." His editorials in the Signal were extensively copied into other papers throughout the country. He was a forceful writer, earnest and fluent, and was unsparing in his attacks of the principles upon which the Mormon church was founded. Many reading these articles formed the opinion that Judge Sharp was a most aggressive man, full of the fighting spirit, but on the contrary he was most mild-mannered, of kindly nature and rather inclined to the conservative in his opinions and judgments. It was only when he was aroused by something that he believed to be wrong that he assumed the attitude of the antagonist and then he was unfaltering in support of whatever cause or course he believed to be right. In 1844, Joseph and Hiram Smith, the two prophets and leaders of the Mormon church, were killed and Judge Sharp, through the Signal, vindicated the anti-Mormons. Several attempts were made to indict him as one of the leaders in the assassination, but to no avail. He continued at the head of the Warsaw Signal until the fall of 1846 and in the Mormon war which followed the trouble between the orthodox Christians and the

followers of Smith he acted as an aide to General Singleton, who first had command of the anti-Mormon troops, and after his retirement Judge Sharp occupied the same position on the staff of General Brockman. In the battle of Nauvoo he was sent with others to make a feint on the Mormon battery on the right, while the general at the head of the main force made a flank movement on the left. The feint executed, Judge Sharp, with his command, joined the main force and conveyed the orders that brought the first regiment into the fight, and in person led the second regiment up to the support of the exposed artillery, during which movement several of the men were wounded.

After the Mormons had been driven from the country Judge Sharp turned the Signal over to Thomas Gregg, and as his health had become impaired through the strain and hard work in the office he sought recuperation in outdoor interests. In the spring of 1847 he was elected a member of the constitutional convention with four others from Hancock county and assisted in framing the organic law of the state, which was adopted as the state constitution by a vote of the people in 1848. In 1851 he was elected justice of the peace of Warsaw and in 1853 was chosen the first mayor of that city, which office he occupied for three consecutive terms and was again elected in 1858 and 1859, giving to the city a public-spirited administration, characterized by the utmost devotion to the public welfare along lines of material improvement and intellectual, legal and political progress. For fifteen months during the early '50s he also published a paper, neutral in politics,

for the advancement of railroad projects and in this way contributed much to the upbuilding of the state. It has been said that railroads are the means of draining a new country of savagery and all acknowledge that rapid transportation is one of the chief elements in opening up a new district to commercialism and industrialism.

During the Mormon war Judge Sharp ceased to be a partisan democrat and in 1854, upon its organization, joined the Republican party, which he ardently and zealously supported from that time until his death. In 1856 he was nominated by the republicans of the then fifth district as a candidate for congress. He knew this to be an empty honor because of the strength of the democracy in his section of the state, but nevertheless made a strong canvass through the district, delivering speeches in every county in support of the principles which he upheld. In 1864 he began the publication of the Warsaw New Era at the request of the Union League of Hancock county, and conducted it for a year at that place, when leaders in public opinion desired that the paper be moved to Carthage because of more central location. In 1865 therefore the Carthage Gazette was established by F. E. Fowler. In the fall of the same year Judge Sharp was nominated by the republicans for the position of county judge and on being elected removed his family to the county seat. He held the office for four years and the court records show him to have been one of the ablest judges that have sat upon the bench. He was repeatedly renominated but the democrats had regained their ascendancy and

republican victories have since been few in Hancock county. On retiring from the bench he formed a partnership with H. W. Draper, with whom he continued in the practice of law for three years, and in December, 1869, when Mr. Fowler received a government appointment, Judge Sharp was urged to assume editorial control of the Carthage Gazette, which he did, expecting, however, to remain connected with that paper for only a brief period. His old interest in journalistic work, however, being revived, he purchased the office in 1870 and continued as proprietor of the Carthage Gazette until he turned it over to his son, W. O. Sharp, the present editor. In this period he had also continued in the practice of law and for many years was at the head of the law firm of Sharp & Berry Brothers. He remained in active life for many years and was widely known throughout the state as a journalist and as a leader in political circles. He also attained high rank at the bar and in citizenship stood for all that is progressive, for all that is opposed to misrule and for all that looks to the welfare of the country before the aggrandizement of self. His efforts were again and again of direct and immediate serviceableness to the county. He continued active in the newspaper field and at the bar until 1891, when he was stricken with paralysis. He lived for three years thereafter, passing away April 9, 1894, at the advanced age of seventy-five years, his remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. It is an important public duty to honor and perpetuate as far as is possible the memory of an eminent citizen, one who by his blame-

less and honorable life and distinguished career reflected credit upon his city and his state. No man in Hancock county was ever more respected, more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people or deserved in larger measure such respect and confidence. In his lifetime the people of his city and county, recognizing his merit, rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained and since his death they have cherished his memory.

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#### MARTIN CONRAD ECHBOHM.

The financial and commercial history of Hancock county would be very incomplete and very unsatisfactory without a personal and somewhat extended mention of those whose lives are interwoven so closely with its industrial and manufacturing development and with its public interests. When a man or a select number of men have set in motion the machinery of business which materializes into a thousand forms of practical utility, or where they have carved out a fortune or a name from the common possibilities, open for competition to all, there is a public desire to know the results and the circumstances by which such results have been achieved.

The subject of this sketch finds a proper place in the history of those men of business and enterprise in Hancock county, whose force of character, whose sterling integrity, whose fortitude amid discouragements, whose good sense in the management of complicated affairs

and marked success in establishing and controlling industrial and commercial interests have contributed in an eminent degree to the development of the resources of this part of the state. His career has not been helped by accident, or luck, or wealth, or family, or powerful friends. He is in the broadest sense of the term a self-made man, being both the architect and builder of his own fortunes.

Mr. Echbohm was born in Leebeck, Germany, March 13, 1851, and there attended a public school until thirteen years of age, when he came to America on an old sailing vessel, which, after a voyage of thirteen weeks, dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. He made the trip in company with his parents and from that city the family proceeded northward to Warsaw, Illinois, where Mr. Echbohm has since lived. His father was a ship carpenter in the old country and after coming to the United States embarked in the grain business, in which he continued until his death, passing away in 1876, when sixty-two years of age. He was married in his native country to Miss Mary Woldebrand, who survived him until 1891, and died at the age of seventy-two years, when she was laid to rest by his side in Warsaw cemetery. They were the parents of three children: Martin C.; Charles, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Rickey, the wife of Captain Frank Meyers, of Warsaw.

Mr. Echbohm well remembers the incidents of the voyage to the United States and the condition of things that confronted the family upon their arrival in Hancock county in 1864. His educa-

tion completed, he entered upon a commercial career in the hay and grain business in connection with his father. This partnership was maintained until the father's death, and Mr. Echbohm was then alone in business for fifteen years thereafter. On the expiration of that period he retired from the hay and grain trade and became a merchant of Warsaw, since which time he has conducted a hardware and implement business. The enterprise, of which he is now proprietor, was established by Fred and Henry Dross in Warsaw, about 1881, and was continued by that firm until 1898, when the partnership was dissolved and the business divided. In the meantime Mr. Echbohm had become interested in the business and upon the dissolution of the partnership he purchased a new stock of implements and groceries and has since carried on business alone under his own name, dealing in hardware, implements and groceries. He carries a large and carefully selected stock suited to the varied tastes and needs of the general public and has a liberal patronage, which has been given him in recognition of his honorable business methods and reasonable prices. He is a man of resourceful ability and has not confined his attention alone to one line but has extended his efforts into other fields of activity and commercial progress and prosperity have been stimulated by his energy and keen discrimination. In 1886 he organized the Warsaw Pickle Company, capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars and still in successful operation. At the beginning he became general manager and has since acted in that office. The plant has a ca-

capacity of sixty thousand bushels a year. In 1901 a tomato canning plant was added and the annual output of canned tomatoes is about twenty thousand cases. The works are situated in the village of Warsaw and the company is officered by the following gentlemen: William Ballenger, president; F. C. Haslup, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. Echbohm, general manager. The last named was also organizer of a cold storage business, which is conducted in connection with the pickle works and which has a capacity of two hundred thousand cases of eggs. This enterprise is one of the leading business concerns of the village, furnishing an excellent market for local products and the quality of its output finds a ready sale on the market.

Had Mr. Echbohm done nothing for his city outside of business interests he would be entitled to representation among its leading men. He has, however, labored untiringly and effectively toward promoting its welfare in other ways and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and devotion to the public good have frequently honored him with office. He has served as alderman of Warsaw for several terms and in 1901 was elected mayor, giving a practical and business-like administration that led to his reelection in 1902, again in 1904, and once more in 1905, so that he is now serving for the fourth term in that capacity.

On the 14th of October, 1873, Martin C. Echbohm was married to Miss Mary Schafer, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Schafer. They have become the parents of a son and daughter. The former, Henry, died at the age of twenty-

one years. Clara is now the wife of Charles Lockart, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota. The parents are members of the Lutheran church, and Mr. Echbohm became a member of the Odd Fellows society in Warsaw, in which he has passed all of the chairs. Mr. and Mrs. Echbohm are prominent socially and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. In the prosperity of the city of his residence he has been an invaluable factor, no man having done more toward upbuilding the city of Warsaw than he, while his public spirit and his progressive ideas have been of inestimable worth to the community, while to public enterprises and other efforts looking toward the advancement of his fellow citizens he contributes with an open hand and is the prime mover in most of them.

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#### PARKHURST WARD CUTLER.

Parkhurst Ward Cutler resides on section 14, Carthage township, where he has a farm of four hundred acres of well improved land. He is a native of Fulton county, Illinois, born February 27, 1848, and came to Hancock county in 1853 with his parents, Nathan and Hannah Ward Cutler. His early education was acquired in the common schools of Hancock county beginning in the old subscription school. The father, a native of New York, was born at Holland, Erie county, near Buffalo, and there resided until nineteen years of age, when he re-

moved to Fulton county, Illinois, where he lived with his parents until after his marriage. He continued to reside in that county until 1853, the year of his arrival in Hancock county, where he engaged in general farming. He also purchased a tract of land in Fulton county, which he sold upon locating in Pilot Grove township, where he also bought a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. A year later, however, he disposed of that property and removed to Carthage township, purchasing one hundred and seventy-three acres of good land on section 28. This he at once began to cultivate and improve, making it his home until his death and successfully carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He kept high grades of cattle, hogs and horses and both branches of his business proved profitable. His life was in harmony with his professions as a member of the Baptist church. He took a most active and helpful interest in its work and served as deacon for many years, acting in that capacity at the time of his death, which occurred December 26, 1897, when he was seventy-eight years of age, his birth having occurred on the 10th of August, 1819. He was laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage, and thus passed away a citizen whom to know was to respect and honor. His early political allegiance was given to the democracy, but a few years prior to his death he joined the ranks of the Prohibition party and was an active worker for its principles, believing firmly in the cause of temperance. Upon the democratic ticket he was elected to the office of supervisor for two terms and he was a member of the





PARKHURST W. CUTLER



school board for a number of years. Intellectual and moral progress and all those interests which tend to uplift mankind elicited his attention, approval and active support. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, and in her childhood days was taken to Fulton county, Illinois, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ward. There she was reared and educated, living at home until her marriage. She passed away May, 1886, some years prior to the death of her husband and her interment was also in Moss Ridge cemetery, at Carthage. Of the seven children of that union three are yet living. Francis M., having died August 1, 1906. The others in childhood.

Parkhurst W. Cutler, whose name introduces this review, attended school in Carthage township and assisted in the work of the home farm through the period of his boyhood and youth, remaining at home until his marriage, save for the time which he spent as a student in Central College, at Pella, Iowa. His education completed, he started out in life for himself, working in partnership with his father for one year and then purchasing one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 28, Carthage township. This was improved when it came into his possession and he made his home thereon for about a quarter of a century, carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He then purchased his present farm in Carthage township, where he has lived for the past ten years. He has erected all of the buildings here and has a model farm property, his land being divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and cultivated with the aid of the latest improved

machinery. Mr. Cutler is probably the most extensive stock feeder in Carthage township, usually shipping two hundred fat cattle per year. He also was the first man in Carthage township to introduce thoroughbred Hereford cattle which he has handled extensively since 1886. He now has about one hundred head of registered cattle, and has at the head of his herd a fine registered bull. He also has had imported animals. He was the owner of Britton, a son of Ancient Britton, the Chicago World's fair champion, while he was also a brother of the champion cow at the St. Louis exposition. He weighed 2,600 pounds. The majority of his herd now being descended from him. It is the largest herd in this county. He has been a successful exhibitor at different fairs.

On the 27th of February, 1871, Mr. Cutler was married to Miss Fannie G. Barker, a daughter of Judge Francis A. and Catherine (Barker) Barker. The father's birth occurred near Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess county, New York, April 2, 1798, and in his nineteenth year he went to West Virginia, where he engaged in he removed to Morgan county, Ohio, teaching for about two years. In 1820 where he was married in 1827, and in October, 1844, he went to Iowa, settling on section 14, Gold township, Marion county, where he took up land from the government. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made thereon but he at once began its cultivation. In 1846 he was elected probate judge of Marion county and was re-elected to the same office in 1847, proving a capable officer. In 1863, owing to his advanced age and failing health, he disposed of the estate he had

accumulated through years of toil and hardship and spent his remaining days in the city of Knoxville, dying at his residence there, January 17, 1871, at the age of seventy-three years. He was the first probate judge of Marion county and also held at one time the position of clerk of the house of representatives of Iowa, while for two terms he was warden of the Iowa state prison. At an early epoch in the development of that state he was one of its most prominent, influential and best known citizens and his influence in behalf of public progress was far-reaching and beneficial.

Mrs. Cutler was educated in the common schools of Clay township, Marion county, Iowa, and in Central University, at Pella, Iowa, from which institution she was graduated, while at the present time she is a member of its board of directors. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have been born two sons, Nathan B. and Ward A., both born in Carthage township. The elder now resides on section 28, Carthage township, which was the farm on which his grandfather first settled on coming to this county. He married Daisy Corbin, and they have one daughter, Veta.

Mr. Cutler exercised his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of democracy until 1884, when he became a prohibitionist and has ever since voted that ticket, for he is a stalwart champion of the cause of temperance and believes it to be one of the dominant issues of the country. He was nominated by his party for the office of member of the State Board of Equalization and has been nominated for various county offices.

He is chairman of the county committee and a member of the senatorial committee. He has also been a director of the Harmony Mutual Fire Insurance Company for fifteen years. He holds membership in the Baptist church and has lived an upright, honorable life characterized by devotion to all that tends to uplift humanity and promote moral progress.

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#### ROBERT P. STEWART.

Robert P. Stewart, who during the long years of his residence in Elvaston, became known as an honored man of genuine, personal worth, was born March 4, 1830, in Butler county, Ohio. His parents were James T. and Susanna (Finney) Stewart. The father, a native of Harrison county, Pennsylvania, was born in 1793, while the mother's birth occurred near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 3, 1792. When a youth of eleven years James T. Stewart accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois, settling in Montebello township, Hancock county, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred September 17, 1864. His wife survived him until the 3d of May, 1870. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church. In their family were nine children, three of whom are now living: Sarah and Mary Jane, who are residing with their sister-in-law, Mrs. Stewart; and John F., who resides in Boulder, Colorado.

Robert P. Stewart spent the days of his

boyhood and youth in his native county. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth. When a young man of about twenty-seven years he came west with his parents and as stated, the family home was established in Montebello township, where the father purchased a farm, the family living in Oakwood while a dwelling was being built on the farm. Soon after the home was completed Robert Stewart returned to Ohio and on the evening of March 9, 1859, he was married to Miss Martha Holmes, a daughter of John and Hannah (Bigger) Holmes, of whom her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother of Kentucky. Following their marriage they removed to Ohio, settling near Dayton, where the father followed the occupation of farming. He died in his eighty-sixth year, while his wife passed away in the seventy-first year of her age. In their family were eight children. Mr. Stewart brought his bride back to Hancock county and began housekeeping on the farm a few miles southwest of Elvaston, where they lived continuously until 1901, when they built their home in the village and retired from the farm, planning to enjoy life in ease during their remaining days. His parents lived for only a brief period after they came to Illinois and from that time on Mr. Stewart was owner of the farm which he carefully cultivated and improved, adding to it modern equipments and placing his fields under a high state of cultivation. While living upon the farm one son came to bless their union but was spared to them for a little less than two years. The kindness of their hearts, how-

ever, prompted them to care for three children, to whom they gave a parent's love and devotion. These were Ernest and Georgia Allison (the latter now deceased), and Nelson Wells, who lived to young manhood and for the benefit of his health afterward went to the western country. The anticipated improvement did not follow, however, and about 1902 he returned to the home of his foster parents, living but a few days after his arrival, thus in early manhood passed away a life which gave so much promise for the future.

While Mr. Stewart was a farmer by occupation he also possessed much mechanical ingenuity and to a greater or less extent followed the carpenter's trade. His ability in this direction enabled him to keep everything about his place in excellent condition and the buildings and fences were always in a state of good repair. In matters of citizenship he was loyal and progressive. During the latter part of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid and enlisted in the Union Army but after a few months the war ended and he was engaged in no battle. Every movement for the benefit of his township and county received his endorsement and to a large measure his cooperation and he always stood as an advocate of all that is right, true and just. In his youth he became a member of the Presbyterian church, and he and his wife and his two sisters were charter members of the Elvaston Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Stewart served as an elder for many years, while in the various church activities he took a helpful part. His life was permeated by his Christian

faith and he made it his daily endeavor to follow closely the teachings of his church, so that he lived an exemplary Christian life. He was considerate in his judgments of men, kindly in action and generous in disposition and was devoted to his family, doing everything in his power for the welfare and happiness of his wife and the two sisters residing with them. He was last seen in public in attendance at Sunday services of his church on the 8th of January, 1905. He had always been a rugged man, enjoying excellent health and that morning seemed in his usual good health, but soon after his return home he became ill and in a half hour had passed away. The news of his death was a shock in Elvaston, Hamilton and throughout the county wherever he was known. He had lived a life of usefulness and activity, in which there were no sensational chapters but the record was that of a man who had always done his duty to himself, his family and his country.

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#### LEWIS L. NEWTON.

Lewis L. Newton, engaged in general farming in Pontoosuc township, was born in Vinton county, Ohio, July 24, 1860, a son of Hiram H. and Hannah (Harper) Newton, who were likewise natives of that county, the former born February 10, 1836, and the latter December 15, 1839. They are now residents of Pontoosuc township. Their family numbers seven children, who survive, the first born son having died in infancy.

Lewis L., Mrs. Laura A. Alston, D. L., Mrs. Ella S. Deewall, Mrs. Anna F. Kidson, Mrs. C. Blanche Booz and R. H. Newton.

After acquiring his preliminary education in the district schools of Pontoosuc township, Lewis L. Newton became a student in Carthage College and, returning to the home farm, he remained until twenty-one years of age, when he started out upon an independent business career. He has always followed the occupation of farming and now has a good place, which he has tiled and placed under a high state of cultivation. He uses the latest improved agricultural implements to facilitate the work of the farm.

On the 10th of May, 1882, Mr. Newton was united in marriage to Miss Laura B. Lamb, who was born in Pontoosuc township, May 10, 1861, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Baker) Lamb. Her father was born in Virginia, March 10, 1824, and her mother was a native of Adams county, Illinois, her birth occurring about 1840. He was a farmer by occupation and in 1855 settled upon a farm in Pontoosuc township, Hancock county, where he lived until his death, March 17, 1893. For some years he had survived his wife who died in 1878 and their remains rest side by side in Pleasant Hill cemetery, Pontoosuc township. They were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are living: Delilah M., the wife of George Carlisle, of Rock Creek township; Charles R., living in Clements, Minnesota; Mrs. Newton; Mary E., the wife of Samuel Wright, of Lamar, Colorado; Addie M., the wife of Orville Pittam, of Pilot Grove township; Frank B.,

a resident farmer of Pontoosuc township, and Hugh L., who is also a farmer of the same township. Mr. Lamb married for his second wife Kate C. North, and to them was born one child, George, who now resides on the home place with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton have continuously resided in the township in which they began their domestic life and their home has been blessed with four children: Minnie R., Leslie M., who was graduated from a military school at Booneville, Missouri, May 30, 1906; Madge E., and Hiram F. They attend and support the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the wife and daughters are members.

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#### HENRY CLAY HANSON.

Henry Clay Hanson, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Montebello township, was born in this county on November 4, 1849, and is the son of David and Anna Maria (Sullivan) Hanson, both natives of Ohio, the father being the son of Daniel and Barbara (Broombach) Hanson, also natives of the Buckeye state.

The parents of our sketch were married in Ohio, and drove with a team to the new west, and settled in Montebello township in 1847, renting a farm for a few years and then buying the N. W. quarter of section 3 of this township, which at that time was unimproved prairie land. He first built a frame house, and then broke up what land he could and as rapidly as

he could with the few facilities at his disposal. Progress was very slow as the country was very new and his means limited. He moved on this place in 1854, where he made his home until 1890, when he retired and moved to Hamilton, Illinois, remaining there until called to his final resting place on May 22, 1901.

His wife preceded him to her long home, passing away from her earthly home on January 18, 1888. To this union were born four children: Daniel, of Cloud county, Kansas; Sullivan, of Hamilton, Illinois; Sarah, wife of Owen Dickerhoof, of Belleville, Kansas; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

Henry received his education in the school of district No. 132, and remained with his parents until his twenty-fifth year, when, on the first day of October, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Benner, of Sonora township. Miss Benner was born on October 7, 1853, the daughter of George and Emily (Bradley) Benner, natives of Ohio.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hanson made their home on a portion of the home place, renting the land until the father's death, when the estate was divided among the children, Henry being given the home place of one hundred and sixty acres. The farm was well improved with hedge fences and buildings, there being two residences, the main house being a story and a half high, with seven rooms, and supplied with water piped from a deep well. He has one windmill and four wells, one being one hundred and ninety-eight feet in depth. His horse-barn is twenty-four by thirty feet with a shed ten by thirty feet. The land lays

in such a way that tiling is not necessary. Mr. Hanson carries on general farming, and the well kept farm and general conditions bear silent testimony to his ability in this his chosen occupation.

To his marriage with Miss Benner, were born six children, five of whom are still living: Edna B., born May 24, 1877, at home; Leslie, August 23, 1879, died October 22, 1903; Adella G., born April 8, 1881, at home; Winnie M., born May 21, 1883, resides at Hamilton, Illinois; Jesse Ray, born February 23, 1886; and Archie Clay, born April 17, 1888. Mrs. Hanson was called from this life on April 21, 1888, and her remains were laid to rest in the Oak Grove cemetery, in Sonora township.

On May 24, 1892, Mr. Hanson was united in marriage to Miss Ella Clementine Black, who was born in Sonora township and was the daughter of George and Helen (Bumpus) Black. To this union were born three children, only one of whom is now living. Vina Gertrude, born October 29, 1893; Barbara Helen, born September 22, 1896, died August 3, 1897; Celia Rachel, born April 18, 1900, died July 23, 1900.

Mrs. Hanson has been dead for several years, being taken away July 7, 1900, and her remains lie in the Oak Grove cemetery.

Mr. Hanson has gone through many trials, the hand of death bringing grief and sorrow to his home many times, but he goes bravely on, and with the help of his children he has made a comfortable and happy home. He is a member of the Democratic party, but does not have any political aspirations, being content to use

his vote in the way that he judges beneficial to the people and his party. He is a member of the Christian church of Golden Point, and is an honest, industrious man, gaining and keeping the respect of his friends and neighbors.

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#### RALPH ELLISON.

Ralph Ellison, one of the prosperous and enterprising farmers of Prairie township, owns and operates one hundred and seventy-four acres of rich land upon which he has placed many improvements, transforming it into a model farm property. He was one of the early settlers of Hancock county and has been continuously connected with its agricultural interests, giving his time and energies at the present time to the development of his farm, which is conveniently and pleasantly located, adjoining the village limits of Elvaston. A native of England, he was born in Yorkshire on the 23d of December, 1840, and when only a year old was brought to the United States by his parents, Matthew and Jane (Willson) Ellison, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire. The father worked in a factory during his residence in England, and upon coming to the United States settled in Hancock county, Illinois, where he purchased a quarter section of land in Rock Creek township. There he made a home for himself and family, and resided until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six years. The mother also



died there and was seventy-eight years of age at the time of her demise. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian church and enjoyed the unqualified esteem of those with whom they came in contact. The father engaged in general farming throughout the period of his residence in this county, or until his life's labors were ended in death and both he and his wife were laid to rest in Rock Creek township. In their family were eight children, of whom Ralph is the youngest child. He has two surviving sisters, Margaret, the wife of John Stevenson, a resident farmer of Rock Creek township, and Mary, the widow of Dwight Whitcomb, who is living in Adrian.

Mr. Ellison of this review was reared upon the old homestead farm in Rock Creek township, and acquired his education in the common schools, while during the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the fields, and after putting aside his text-books gave his entire attention to work upon his father's farm until twenty-three years of age, save that for a brief period he devoted his energies to the blacksmith's trade, which he learned and followed for a short time and then abandoned it. Leaving home at the age of twenty-three, he purchased a quarter section of raw land on section 17, Rock Creek township, and with characteristic energy began to cultivate and improve this tract, on which he erected good buildings. He here engaged in general farming and stock-raising for twenty-seven years and then sold the property, at which time he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Prairie township, where he resided for

a year. He then sold that place to his son, George, and invested in one hundred and seventy-four acres of land, constituting his present farm in Prairie township. Here he has resided continuously since and the many excellent improvements he has placed upon the property have made it a model farm. He has modern farm machinery, good buildings, high grades of stock and richly cultivated fields, and altogether the property is a valuable one. He likewise owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres at Edna, Labette county, Kansas.

Mr. Ellison was married December 31, 1862, to Miss Edith Evans, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, a daughter of Bales and Elizabeth (Pevehouse) Evans, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a farmer and became one of the early settlers of Adams county, Illinois. Mrs. Ellison died at their home in Prairie township, February 4, 1904. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother and a faithful friend, and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her. Her remains were interred in Carthage cemetery. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children, all of whom are yet living, and all were born in Hancock county. Jennie is the wife of Albert Schenk, a resident farmer of Labette county, Kansas, and has four children, Clifford and Emory, born in Hancock county; Myrtle and Grace were born in Labette county, Kansas. Emma married Milton Karr, October 11, 1906, a resident farmer of Elvaston. George is a farmer of Prairie township, where he owns eighty acres of land, which

he purchased from his father. He wedded Mary J. Davis, a daughter of Amos Davis, of Appanoose township. They have two sons, Earl and Ray. Lillian is the wife of Jean McGinnes, proprietor of a grocery store and meat market at Elvaston, Illinois.

Mr. Ellison votes with the Republican party and has held several township offices. He has seen many improvements made in Hancock county, and in fact has witnessed almost its entire development from a wild prairie section to one of high cultivation, the farms of this locality being among the best to be found in this great agricultural state. He has done his full share toward making the county what it is today and has ever stood for good citizenship, for progress and for advancement, and in his private business interests he has displayed sterling purpose and close application which have resulted in the acquirement of valuable property.

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#### CYRUS MANLEY HEWITT.

Cyrus M. Hewitt is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on section 9, Pontoosuc township, where he has resided since 1885 and where he owns one hundred and ten acres of land that, owing to the care and labor bestowed upon it, is now rich and productive. It was in this township, September 6, 1851, that he first opened his eyes to the light of day, his parents being Charles W. and Ann (Alexander) Hewitt. The father was a native

of Vermont and the mother of New York and the latter was a daughter of one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. Charles W. Hewitt followed the occupation of farming as a life work and came to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1839, settling in Pontoosuc township, where he entered land from the government and amid pioneer conditions began the development of a farm. Subsequently he removed to La Harpe township and continued actively in farming until his life's labors were terminated by death in 1894. His wife survived him until 1898. They were the parents of eight children, of whom five are now living: Viola, the wife of W. B. Kirkpatrick, of Macomb, Illinois; Louisa, the wife of Rufus Bennett, of La Harpe; C. M.; Ellen and Iola, also of La Harpe.

In the schools of La Harpe township Cyrus M. Hewitt acquired his education and upon the home farm remained to the age of twenty years, when he began working by the month and so continued until his marriage, March 21, 1883, to Miss Eary Etny Cranshaw, who was born in Henderson county, Illinois, in 1839, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Coffman) Cranshaw, natives of Georgia and Kentucky respectively. Coming to Illinois at a very early day, her father settled in the southwestern part of the state. He took part in the Mormon war in 1844, whereby the Mormons were driven from the state and he was connected with other early events which left their impress upon the historic annals of the state. His political support was given the democracy. Both he and his wife died in McDonough county, Illinois. In their family were

eleven children, five yet living: Mrs. Elizabeth Wise, a widow, living in Oregon; Mrs. Hewitt; Isaac, a resident of Kansas; Mary, the widow of James Duncan, and a resident of Kansas City, Missouri; Franklin, of Stronghurst, Illinois. One son, Boone Cranshaw, was a soldier of the Civil war and died in the hospital from the effects of the hardships of military life.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt began their domestic life in Henderson county, Illinois, where they lived for two years, and then removed to the Alexander place in Pontoosuc township. In 1885 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and ten acres on section 9, erected a house, built a barn and other outbuildings and has generally improved the farm. Here he tills the soil and raises stock, leading a busy and useful life. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt has been born a daughter, Lola, whose birth occurred in Pontoosuc township in 1885, and who is still with her parents. At the time of her marriage to our subject Mrs. Hewitt was the widow of John Duncan, of McDonough county, Illinois. He was born in that county in 1841, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Wasson) Duncan, both deceased. In their family were four children, all living with the exception of John, the others being: Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt, a widow, living in Kansas; Lydia, the wife of John M. Huston, of McDonough county; and Caroline, the wife of Henry Curry, of Henderson county. John Duncan died in 1882, his remains being interred in McDonough county. He left five children: Dora, the eldest, is the wife of W. T. Kirkpatrick, of Oklahoma, and has six

children: George, John, Robert, Lawrence, Lulu and Olive; Addie is the wife of Luther Van Osdale, of Henderson county, Illinois, and has four children: Ethel, John, Roy and Gladys; Lawrence, living in Kansas, married Maude Kidson and has three children: Vallie, Dewey and Opal; Verna is the wife of William Koll, of Dallas City, Illinois, and has a daughter, Maxine; and Royce, of Blandinsville, Illinois, married Florence Sullivan and has a daughter, Edna May.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt are devoted members of the Christian church, of which he is one of the trustees, and upon the democratic ticket, of which he is a supporter, he has been elected commissioner. Mrs. Hewitt, a lady of natural culture and refinement and of most gracious manner, possesses superior literary taste and has written many poems of much more than ordinary merit. In 1905 she had a volume of her best poems published and sold to aid the missionary cause of her church. They had a ready sale and the volume is much prized by all who possess a copy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt stand high in public regard. It has been due to his business enterprise and sound judgment that he has won a place among the substantial residents of his county, for he started out in life empty-handed and his possessions are the visible proof of his enterprise and keen discernment in all matters relating to the management and improvement of the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt both stand high in the estimation of all who have had the pleasure of making their acquaintance, and with whom they have been associated in the walks of life.

## EDWIN P. ROWE.

Edwin P. Rowe, one of the oldest salesmen in the city of Carthage, was born in 1851, at Dallas City, Hancock county. His paternal grandfather, Morris Rowe, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and of the Mexican war. His parents were Miles and Eliza Jane (Bean) Rowe, the former born in New York, in 1821, and the latter in Virginia, in 1826. Miles Rowe came to Illinois at an early period in its settlement and for a number of years when a young man drove a stage between Carthage and Warsaw, while for many years afterward he was proprietor of the Hit or Miss Hotel, in Dallas City. Then for fifteen or twenty years he was employed in the lumber office of H. F. Black, and is now gatekeeper on the Santa Fe road at Dallas City, occupying this position although eighty-five years of age. In politics he is a democrat. His wife, who was a member of the Methodist church, died in 1902, and is buried in Dallas City, Illinois. They had six children, of whom five are now living: William H., a resident of St. Louis; Oscar E., deceased; Edwin P.; Stella, the wife of John Roth, of Dallas City, Illinois; Mary, the wife of Fred Grippe, living in Joliet, Illinois; and Morris, of Dallas City.

Edwin P. Rowe was educated in the public schools of his native place and afterward was employed for a number of years in a grocery store there. Later he had charge as manager of a dry goods store in Dallas City, and in 1885 he removed to Carthage, where he has been head salesman of the Quinby Clothing

Store since that time, covering a period of more than twenty years.

On the 23d of April, 1876, Mr. Rowe was married to Miss Minnie P. Graff, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, in September, 1855, a daughter of Ferdinand and Louisa M. (Becker) Graff. Her father was born in Berlin, Germany, and at the age of twenty years emigrated to America, settling in Iowa but now lives in Hancock county, Illinois, where he follows farming. His wife, who was born in Berlin, came to the United States when only five years of age. Both were members of the Lutheran church. In the family were ten children, nine of whom still survive: John H., a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; Minnie P., now the wife of Mr. Rowe; Clara M., the wife of C. R. Thull, of Dallas City; Eda, who died in infancy; Emma, the wife of F. A. Scripfer, of Sigourney, Iowa; George F., who lives on the old home farm near Dallas City; John, a druggist, of Des Moines, Iowa; Bertha, the wife of H. Hagebeack, of Davenport, Iowa; Etta, the wife of Hershall Trenthart, of Niota, Hancock county; and Flora, at home. These children were born of two marriages, for the mother of Mrs. Rowe died when the daughter was only six years of age, and for his second wife the father chose Miss Anna Mayer, there being six children born of the second marriage. Both he and his second wife are living, their home being in Pontoosuc township.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had four children, two born in Dallas City and two in Carthage, namely: Walter E., who was born in February, 1877, and is at home; Wilford F., who was born in 1879, married

Miss Lenore Kelley and lives in Chicago, where he is employed in the Live Stock National Bank. He was in the Philippine war, enlisting in 1899 in the Thirtieth Regiment under Colonel Gardner. He was a member of the Thirtieth Regimental Band, was first corporal, was afterward promoted to the rank of sergeant and received an honorable discharge in 1901. He was in early youth employed in several stores in Carthage and afterward became messenger at the Drovers Bank in Chicago, while later he was employed in the money department of the Adams Express Company in that city. Later he was promoted to bookkeeper at a salary of fifty-five dollars a month in the Live Stock Bank, of Chicago, and he has a fine record for a young man of his years, when viewed from both a military and business standpoint. Since entering the bank he has won promotion and he is in a position where he handles millions of dollars a day. Mabel Grace, the third member of the family, was a graduate of the high school and became a fine piano and violin player as well as vocalist. She died in 1888. Irma Pauline died in 1900.

In his political views Mr. Rowe is an earnest democrat and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen and with the Court of Honor, while his wife belongs to the latter and also to the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she is a past matron. Both are faithful members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Rowe was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the present house of worship. He built his present home at the corner of Marion and Davis streets and has erected several houses in

Carthage but has sold them all. He owns, however, one or two vacant lots in the city. He is a man whose indefatigable enterprise and indomitable purpose have constituted the basis of his success and though he started out in life on his own responsibility at an early age he has through his energy, ambition and determination accumulated the means whereby he has given his children good educational advantages and provided them with many of the comforts of life. Mrs. Rowe presides with pleasing hospitality over their home and their friends in Carthage are numbered by the score.

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#### GEORGE W. PAYNE.

George W. Payne, an architect of Carthage, whose business extends into various other counties and states, is a son of Alfred F. and Elizabeth (Williams) Payne, and was born near St. Charles, Missouri, November 4, 1845. His father was a native of Fauquier county, Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred near St. Louis, Missouri. She was a daughter of Thomas Williams, a soldier of the war of 1812. Alfred F. Payne was a civil engineer, who pursued his education in the college in St. Louis. He afterward turned his attention to harness-making, later followed the occupation of farming and subsequently engaged in the lumber business, thus following various pursuits. He died in 1869 and his remains were interred in Bowen

cemetery in Hancock county, while his wife, who survived him for a number of years, was laid to rest in Carthage cemetery. In their family were ten children, of whom five are living.

George W. Payne was largely educated in the schools of Brown county, Illinois. When a young lad he ran away from home to go to the war but his army life was very brief, lasting for only a few weeks, at the end of which time his parents learned of his whereabouts and he was returned home, for he was too youthful for military service. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed from 1868 until 1887 in Hancock county. He became a resident of Carthage in 1870 and was actively identified with its building operations for seventeen years thereafter, since which time he has given his attention to his present profession—that of an architect. In this he is associated with his son, Edgar A., and they are the only architects in the county. They have done some publishing and they send plans to almost every state in the union. Their office is on Main street and their business is now extensive and of an important character, their plans being equal to any sent out by the various architects in this part of the state. They have made plans for churches, opera houses, business blocks, residences and schools and have planned all of the churches in Carthage. In fact many of the fine structures of this city stand as monuments to their skill and ability in the line of their chosen profession.

Mr. Payne was married in 1871 to Miss Emma Carsey, of Hancock county, Illinois, who was born in Missouri. Her

father was a shoemaker and removed from Missouri to this city but is now residing in Texas. In his family were eight or nine children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Payne have been born two children, both of whom are natives of Carthage. The elder, Edgar A., married Miss Kittie Linn and is connected with his father in business. He pursued a course of study in Carthage College. The daughter, Bertha A., is now the wife of C. A. Garard, of Carthage, and has two children, Earl A. and Ruth A. The parents are devoted members of the Lutheran Evangelical church and reside on Washington street, near Main, where Mr. Payne erected a fine residence. In his political views he is a democrat.

He stands high among all classes of men and is an energetic, progressive and upright citizen, who well merits the confidence and esteem which are uniformly extended to him. His residence in Carthage covers a period of thirty-six years and through his entire life he has been actuated by honorable principles and manly purposes.

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#### LYMAN W. WATT.

Lyman W. Watt, an influential business man of the village of Elvaston, where he is engaged in the coal trade, was here born on the 12th of May, 1868. His father, Alexander Watt, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, born February 4, 1821, and in that city he resided

until twenty-eight years of age, when he came to Illinois, settling first in Durham township, Hancock county, where he engaged in farming. He rented a farm there for some years, after which he went to Wythe township, where he owned and operated a farm of eighty acres, making his home thereon until 1863. That year witnessed his removal to Dallas and he filled a position as clerk in one of the stores at that place. In 1866 he came to Elvaston and with the capital he had acquired through his own labor, economy and careful management he established himself in a general mercantile business and was for years a prominent factor in commercial circles here, continuing in the store until 1900, when he sold out and retired to private life. He was also largely engaged in the coal trade and his son, Lyman, subsequently became his successor in this business. The father likewise shipped and handled large quantities of grain and hay and his business interests were extensive, making him one of the leading representatives of commercial life in Elvaston. He realized that "There is no excellence without labor" and his unflinching diligence and determined purpose proved the basis of a very gratifying success. He married for his first wife Miss Sarah McDonald, who died in 1863. His second wife bore the maiden name of Fannie C. Wilcox and was a native of Connecticut, born in the town of Had-dam, March 11, 1836. This marriage was celebrated November 29, 1866. Mrs. Watt is still living and resides with her son, Lyman W. Six children were born of the second marriage, two of whom are now living, the younger son being Her-

man, who resides in Burlington, Iowa, and is connected with the Prudential Insurance Company.

Alexander Watt was a member of the Masonic fraternity, who exemplified in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft. He voted with the Republican party and as every true American citizen should do, felt a deep interest in political questions and issues. He was supervisor of Prairie township for several terms and whether in office or out of it was thoroughly trustworthy and commanded the esteem of all who knew him. His death occurred at his home in Elvaston on the 27th of July, 1901, when he had reached the age of eighty years, five months and twenty-three days. He was a prosperous and progressive man of his day and had the confidence of all who knew him. His circle of friends was extensive, a result that was attributable to his genial disposition, kindly manner and deference to the opinions of others. He erected a home which is now occupied by his widow and son—a large and substantial frame dwelling—and was also the owner of several other buildings in the village.

Mrs. Alexander Watt was a daughter of Lyman and Emily (Hubbard) Wilcox, both of whom were natives of Middlesex, Connecticut, whence they came to Illinois in 1839, when their daughter was but three years of age. They settled in Hancock county, where Mr. Wilcox followed farming on North prairie but after a short time he removed to Durham township. He was one of the committee appointed to name that township and gave to it the name of Durham. He purchased a farm there and carried on the work of cultiva-

tion and improvement up to the time of his death, which occurred when he was about seventy-nine years of age, for he was born in 1795 and he passed away in 1874. He held membership in the Methodist church and his entire life was guided by honorable principles and lofty motives. He was one of the worthy, pioneer residents of the county, traveling westward in true pioneer style. The party consisted of sixteen people, all of whom located in Hancock county. They were six weeks upon the way from Connecticut to Illinois, making the journey in wagons. Mrs. Wilcox died in 1868. In the family were eight children, four of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. Emily Pershin and Mrs. Clara Spencer, both of Durham township; Wilbur, who is living in Peoria, Illinois; and Mrs. Watt, who makes her home with her son in Elvaston.

In the public schools of the village Lyman W. Watt acquired his education and after putting aside his text-books entered his father's store in 1887. He was admitted to a partnership under the firm name of A. Watt & Son and continued in the store until March, 1900, when they sold the business, having up to that time carried a large line of general merchandise and enjoyed an extensive patronage. At that date the father retired from active business, while Lyman W. Watt concentrated his energies upon the coal trade, with which he has since been connected. He has a large business in this line and is numbered among the leading representatives of trade interests in his native town.

In his political views Mr. Watt is an earnest republican but without aspiration

for office. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, No. 3155, of Elvaston, in which he has held a number of offices. His entire life has here been passed, so that his life history is well known to his fellow townsmen and that he enjoys the good will and confidence of all is an indication that his has been an honorable and straightforward career. In the management of his business interests he displays keen discernment and arrives quickly at correct conclusions.

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#### SAMUEL GORDON.

Samuel Gordon, deceased, was actively connected with agricultural pursuits in Hancock county for many years and the place which he occupied in public regard well entitles him to representation in this volume. He was born in Peterboro, New Hampshire, May 3, 1825, a son of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Gordon, who were also natives of Peterboro. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Eleanor (Mitchell) Gordon, natives of Scotland. John and Elizabeth (Smith) Gordon, leaving New Hampshire, traveled by stage to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, thence down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river, landing just opposite Montebello in 1831. They were accompanied by their two sons, Samuel being the younger. The father died soon afterward, but in the meantime had in 1839 purchased land which he secured under a tax title where Hamilton is now located. His wife sur-



vived him, passing away about 1845. The land which they owned covered nearly the entire site of Hamilton as it is today and Mr. Gordon assisted in laying out the city.

Samuel Gordon of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parents' home and acquired a fair common school education. He remained with his parents until they were called from this life and being the only heir came into possession of the old home property. On the 3d of April, 1851, he married Miss Permelia A. Alvord, who was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1832, a daughter of Rev. Samuel and Ursula (Smith) Alvord. She was only thirteen years of age when brought to Hancock county, where she was reared by her parents, remaining at home until her marriage, when she went to a home of her own. She came to this county in 1845. Mr. Gordon had one hundred and sixty acres of land on which a log cabin had been built. In later years he erected the finest brick residence in this part of the country, containing twelve rooms with a large cellar under one half of the house. In this home, surrounded by the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, he spent his remaining days, passing away on the 6th of October, 1901. He had for more than a decade survived his wife, whose death occurred September 25, 1890. This worthy couple were the parents of the following named: Eleanor Elizabeth Gordon, living in Des Moines, Iowa, is a minister of the Unitarian church. John A. Gordon is engaged in the book business in Hamilton. Alice and Agnes are living at the old home in Hamilton.

Robert Smith Gordon is station agent on the Wabash and on the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw railroads at Hamilton. Mabel has been a teacher in the schools of Hamilton since 1894. In August, 1862, Mr. Gordon responded to his country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was on continuous duty for three years and eight months and participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluffs, Arkansas Post, Thompson's Hill, Champion Hills, Black River, the siege of Vicksburg, Grand Coteau Bayou and Port Hudson. He was a brave and loyal soldier, always found at his duty whether on the firing line or the lonely picket line. He became a member of Black Hawk lodge, No. 238, A. F. & A. M., on the 1st of September, 1857, and served as senior warden for one year and as junior warden for two years. He was also secretary for six years and treasurer for twenty-two years. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and he held the office of town and city clerk and police magistrate, city treasurer and councilman. No public trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree, for he was a brave and loyal soldier, always faithful to his duty and prompt in the discharge of any task that devolved upon him, bringing to his work in civic life the same loyalty and fidelity that characterized his military service. Mr. Gordon was a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the county and was a resident of this part of the state for more than the allotted psalmist's span of three score years and ten. He watched

its growth and development from the time when it was reclaimed from a frontier district until his eyes were closed in death and was a co-operant factor in many measures for the general good.

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### SAMUEL R. YETTER.

Samuel R. Yetter, one of the early settlers of Hancock county, Illinois, now residing on his farm in Carthage township, has watched the development of the county as it has emerged from pioneer conditions, when the land was uncultivated, the timber uncut and the streams unbridged to the present era of progress and development when none of the advantages and improvements known to the older east are lacking. Mr. Yetter has now reached the eighty-second milestone on life's journey, having been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 4th of August, 1824. He is a son of William and Lydia (Rock) Yetter. The father, also a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, was of German parentage and was reared to manhood in his native state. He became a mechanic, learning and following the locksmith's trade, his attention being devoted thereto during the period of his residence in Pennsylvania. He was married in that state to Miss Lydia Rock, and thinking to enjoy better business opportunities in the new but growing west, came to Illinois in 1837, his destination being Hancock county. He settled in Carthage township, then moved

to Fountain Green township, but after two years returned to Carthage township. Here William Yetter turned his attention to the occupation of farming, in which he continued throughout the remainder of his active business life. In his political views he was a democrat and held various township offices, including that of county treasurer and assessor, the duties of the two offices being combined in one at that time. On the expiration of his term he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served continuously until his death, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He was a member of the Methodist church, to which his wife also belonged, and he took an active, earnest and helpful part in the church work for many years, serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and doing all in his power to promote the cause of Christianity here. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was the first representative of the order to pass away in Hancock county, his remains being laid to rest with Masonic honors. He died in 1853, at the age of fifty-three years and was buried in Franklin cemetery in Carthage township. His widow long survived him and died in 1892, at the very venerable age of ninety-two years. She was also a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there lived until after her marriage, or until the removal of the family to Illinois. She was likewise a devoted member of the Methodist church and at her death was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Franklin cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, four of whom are now living.

Samuel R. Yetter spent the first thirteen years of his life in the place of his nativity, and in 1837 came with his parents to Hancock county, Illinois, living in Fountain Green township for two years and since that time in Carthage township. He remained upon the home place until about twenty-four years of age. His education was acquired at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and when he permanently left the parental roof he rented a farm which he cultivated for a number of years, or until he purchased his present place, then about two hundred acres. This he has improved, making it his home continuously through many years. He set out many of the trees here and a large number of them have now been growing here for more than a half century. Through a long period he tilled the soil, carefully sowing the seed and harvesting the crops as the years went by. He usually had a good return for his labor in the shape of bounteous harvests and he continued actively in farm work until a number of years ago, when he sold a part of his land and is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves.

Mr. Yetter has been married twice. In 1848 he wedded Miss Marilla Goodrich, a daughter of Messech and Rebecca Goodrich, who were early settlers of Hancock county, Illinois, where they lived and died. By this marriage there were three children, of whom William and Marilla died in infancy, while Laura is now the widow of Lewis R. Tull, and a resident of Berkeley, California. She has one daughter, Etta. Mrs. Yetter died at the comparatively early age of twenty-five years,

and was laid to rest in Franklin cemetery in Carthage township. For his second wife Mr. Yetter chose Miss Hester A. Halbert, who was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, and came to Illinois with her widowed mother in 1850. She is a daughter of Stephen and Priscilla (Watkins) Halbert, both of whom were natives of Maryland, whence they removed to Kentucky at an early day. The father died in that state in 1848 and was there buried, and the mother afterward came to Hancock county, Illinois, where she passed away at the age of eighty-one years, her remains being interred in Franklin cemetery in Carthage township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Yetter have been born ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom six are now living. Mary is the wife of Richard White, sexton of Moss Ridge cemetery in Carthage, and they have three children, Florence, Ruth and Myrtle. Clara is the deceased wife of William Sowers, a farmer residing in Kansas. She died while on a visit at the home of her parents, leaving three children, Mabel, Hester and Charles. The elder daughter, Mabel, is now the wife of Walter Moot and resides near Lucas, Kansas, and they have one son, William. John Yetter, the third member of the father's family, resides in Carthage, Illinois, where he is a teamster. He wedded Mary B. Swain, and they have two living sons, Frank and Ferris, and lost one son, David, who died at the age of two months. Charles S. Yetter, a railroad conductor of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road, residing at Beardstown, Illinois, married Pearl Johnson, and has two living children, Howard and

George, and two deceased, Pearl and Guy. Alice Yetter became the wife of Alfred M. McKee, a grocer of Carthage, and they have three children, Earl, Ray and Helen. Maggie is the wife of P. H. Willey, a farmer of Peabody, Kansas, and they have three living children, Bertha, Frank and Mabel, and lost one, who died unnamed in infancy. Frank Yetter, who was in the United States Navy and served in the Philippine war, died at Wilbur, Washington, when twenty-four years of age. Ralph is at home. Fidelia died at the age of six years. Nora died at the age of one year and sixteen days. All of the children were born in Carthage township and were educated here, and Alice, Clara and Laura all taught school prior to their marriage.

Mr. Yetter is a member of the Carthage Methodist church and belongs to Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He votes with the Republican party and has held some of the township offices, serving as justice of the peace, highway commissioner and constable. He has seen many of the changes that have occurred and the improvements that have been made in Hancock county. Almost seventy years have come and gone since he arrived here, at which time almost the entire district was a wild prairie, which he has seen converted into richly cultivated farms with here and there thriving towns and villages and progressive cities. Deer and other wild game were killed in this part of the state and only a few settlements had been made, the traveler finding it possible to ride for miles over the country in almost any direction without coming to a fence or habitation

to impede his progress. The work of transforming the wild district into one of rich fertility and improvement has been an arduous task. Mr. Yetter, however, bore his full share in this work and has performed an important part in making the county what it is today—one of the richest farming districts of western Illinois. He certainly deserves extended and prominent mention in this volume as a leading and honored agriculturist, and one whose life has at all times been worthy of emulation, being characterized by fidelity to principle and by unflinching allegiance to the rules of honorable and manly conduct. Now in the evening of life he receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded those who have advanced far on life's journey and who are able to look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

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#### FRANK W. WALKER.

Frank W. Walker is the owner of the finest farm home and stock barns in Hancock county and is one of the most extensive landholders of this part of the state, having fourteen thousand acres under fence. In the control of his business interests he displays excellent ability and keen discrimination, and his prosperity has resulted from judicious management as well as carefully directed industry. One of Hancock county's native sons he was born in Walker township, on the 28th

of March, 1858, and now resides on section 32, Prairie township, where his home farm comprises one hundred and sixty acres of very rich and productive land. His parents were Henry M. and Sophronia (Rankin) Walker, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, whence they came to Illinois at an early day, settling in Walker township, Hancock county, which was named in honor of his grandfather, George Walker, who was one of the earliest pioneers of the township. After working on the farm during the week he would preach Sundays, being the first Baptist minister in the vicinity. The father purchased land and made a home, residing upon his farm for twenty-five years, during which period his attention was given to the tilling of the soil and to the raising of stock. He owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in that township and he afterward removed to Prairie township, purchasing a farm upon section 27. This farm contained three hundred and twenty acres, which was then unimproved, and on which he made all the improvements. It continued to be his home place until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years. In addition to this property he owned enough to make his landed possessions ten hundred and sixty acres in Hancock county, all of which is now improved. He brought a large part of this property under cultivation during his life time and was a man of marked energy and diligence, whose life activity resulted in the acquirement of a measure of prosperity, making him one of the leading citizens of his county. He was one of the first men in the county to give

thought to better stock, having had registered shorthorn cattle, not only bringing his own stock up to a fine grade but being the means of improving the stock in the whole community. His political views accorded with the principles of democracy and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife passed away about two years prior to his demise, when she was seventy years of age. Of their family of seven children four are still living. Both parents lie buried in the Elvaston cemetery and when they were called from this life many friends mourned their loss. Mr. Walker was one of the argonauts who went to California in search of the golden fleece in 1849. He there engaged in mining and was quite successful in his operations, accumulating a comfortable fortune during his residence of three years on the Pacific coast. He died while visiting in California, on the 14th of February, 1906.

At the usual age Frank W. Walker began his education in the common schools and afterward attended Carthage College. He assisted upon the home place as a young man and has always remained upon the farm. When twenty-two years old he purchased the one hundred and sixty acres on which he now resides, and has erected here all of the modern buildings, including an attractive and pleasant frame residence, which is one of the largest and finest country homes in the county. He also has commodious and substantial barns, one barn sixty by sixty-four with twenty-four foot ports is one of the finest, if not the finest, barn in the county, it being elegantly and attractively planned and finished and is a model barn

both for convenience and beauty, and altogether his is a model place, in which none of the accessories of a modern farm are lacking. It is known as the Shadow Brook stock farm and Mr. Walker devotes his attention to the raising of high-bred stock, making a specialty of short-horn cattle and Hambletonian horses, having a large number of each upon his place. He raises for sale purposes and has been engaged in this business for twenty-six years. He now owns a fine Hambletonian stallion, Elcho, and he is also the owner of the bull, Duke of Iron Hill, a registered shorthorn, both of which are used for breeding purposes. In addition to his home farm Mr. Walker has always conducted the old homestead farm comprising three hundred and twenty acres and located one mile east. He is an extensive feeder, shipping about one hundred and fifty head of fat stock per year of his own production and in addition to this Mr. Walker buys and ships many carloads of stock annually to the Chicago market. He is also the owner of about fourteen thousand acres of land in Colorado, all under fence, which he has used for stock-raising and the growing of wheat. Everything about his home place is kept in most perfect order and repair, showing his progressive spirit and his careful supervision.

Mr. Walker was married on the 10th of November, 1881, to Miss Helen M. Jackson, a daughter of Peter Jackson, of Prairie township, who was an early settler of Hancock county. He followed farming for a number of years but is now living retired. Mrs. Walker, like her husband, obtained her early education in the district schools and was afterward a

student in Carthage College. This marriage has been blessed with six children, of whom five are living: Claude C., of Prairie township, residing upon the old homestead of his grandfather, married Yetta Thomas, a daughter of Henry Thomas. Clyde H. assists in the operation of the home farm. Flossie M., Blssoom J. and Ruth, are all at home; and Onlin died at the age of eight years. All were born upon the home property and have been provided with excellent educational privileges.

Mr. Walker is a democrat without political aspiration and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he is interested in those measures and movements which tend to advance the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community. The number of his friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance, for he has always lived in Hancock county and his history has been such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny, for at all times he has lived honorable with due regard to his obligations to his fellowmen and with conscientious regard for his duties of citizenship.

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#### JAMES HENRY CLARK.

James Henry Clark, who is engaged in farming and also carries on stock-raising extensively in Dallas township, was born

in Brown county, Illinois, May 30, 1863, a son of Nathaniel H. and Jane (Wells) Clark. The father's birth occurred in the state of New York in 1835 and the mother was born in Ohio in the same year. He was a farmer by occupation and at an early day came to Illinois, settling in Brown county, while subsequently he became a resident of Schuyler county. He was killed on the railroad near Clayton, October 7, 1902, and his widow still resides in that county. In their family were eight children: George, living in Brown county, Illinois; Maggie, the wife of George Laughlin, who resides in Blackbird, Missouri; James H., of this review; Lydia, the wife of Henry Lawson, of Fountain Green; Fannie, the wife of Allan Groscloud; Dora, the wife of James Younglove, of Schuyler county; Charles, who is living upon the home farm in Schuyler county; and Jesse, of Dallas City.

James Henry Clark attended the public schools of Schuyler county but his educational privileges were somewhat limited, as his aid was needed in the operation of the home farm. He remained with his parents until nineteen years of age and was afterward employed for one season by the month as a farm hand. In January, 1884, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Bowker, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, in 1865, a daughter of Catherine and Frank Bowker, natives of New York, and of Scotland county, Missouri, respectively. The father became a farmer, first of Schuyler county and afterward of Hancock county, Illinois, and subsequently removed to Missouri and thence to Kansas, but is now liv-

ing retired in Dallas City. He owned land in each place in which he lived and is now in comfortable circumstances. Unto him and his wife were born eight children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. The record is as follows: Minnie, now Mrs. Clark; Nettie, who in early life engaged in teaching school and is now the wife of Sydney Callison, of Boston, Missouri; Roger, of Hancock county; Kittie, the wife of Ernest Roseworn, of Barton county, Missouri; Maud, the wife of Walter Lionberger, of Scotland county, Missouri; Inez Bowker, who is a successful teacher; George, who is living in Dallas City; and Mabel, who is a graduate of the high school of Dallas City and lives with her parents.

At the time of their marriage Mr. Clark and his young wife began their domestic life upon a rented farm in Schuyler county, where they lived for one year. In 1885 they came to Hancock county, where they have since resided, making their home in Dallas and Durham townships. Mr. Clark has been extensively engaged in the live stock business and this is still a fruitful source of income to him. In 1904 he purchased ninety-seven acres of good land on section 14, Dallas township, and has since made extensive improvements in the home. He has also erected two good barns, one thirty-two by forty feet and the other fifty-four by sixty-six feet. He now has one of the best improved farms of the township, equipped with modern conveniences and accessories, and he has been one of the heavy stock feeders of the county. His business interests are carefully conducted and his labors are bringing to him

a gratifying measure of success, while his straightforward dealings in all of his transactions have gained for him the trust of his fellowmen.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Clark has been blessed with four children, all born in Hancock county: Ethel and Ray, aged respectively twenty and eighteen years; Katherine and Annice, both in school. In his political views Mr. Clark is an inflexible democrat and has held various township offices, including that of assessor of Durham township. Fraternally he is a Mason and a Woodman and both he and his wife are connected with the Royal Neighbors. Without pecuniary assistance at the outset of his career he has made steady progress and in his home is surrounded by many of the comforts of life. He and his wife occupy an enviable position in the regard of friends and neighbors and are accounted worthy and leading citizens of Dallas township.

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#### SAMUEL S. CHAPMAN.

Samuel S. Chapman, owning and operating a valuable farm in Prairie township, is a native of Scott county, Illinois, born May 11, 1851. He has, however, resided in Hancock county since 1857, when, at the age of six years, he came to this part of the state with his parents, Wesley and Elizabeth (Haynie) Chapman. The father was born in Maryland, near Cumberland, March 24, 1825, and

lived in his native state until ten years of age, when, in 1835, he came to Illinois and for many years thereafter was a resident of Scott county. After attaining his majority he engaged in farming on his own account and followed that occupation throughout his active business career. Upon his removal from Scott county to Hancock county in 1857, he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Prairie township, to which he afterward added from time to time as his financial resources increased until within its boundaries were comprised two hundred and eighty acres. He had in all four hundred and twenty acres of land, all in Prairie township. It is upon this tract that Samuel S. Chapman now resides. The father placed many modern improvements upon the property, including the erection of a large brick residence in 1869. He also built a good barn and other out-buildings for the shelter of grain and stock. It was in 1862 that he took up his abode upon this place, where he engaged in general farming and stock-raising with signal success until 1890, when he sold the farm to his son, Samuel S., and removed to Carthage, where he lived for ten years, or until the death of his wife, since which time he has made his home with his children. He is a member of the Christian church at Carthage, and his life has been permeated by his religious faith. In his political affiliations he is a republican and has held some of the minor offices of the township. His wife, who was born in Kentucky, came to Illinois in 1829, when two years of age. She was a member of the Christian church, took a very active part in its work



and did all in her power for the extension of its influence and the promotion of the cause. On the 14th of November, 1900, she was called to her final rest and her remains were interred in Carthage cemetery. By her marriage she became the mother of eleven children, eight of whom are still living.

Samuel S. Chapman of this review remained upon the old home farm until 1876, and during that period acquired a good common school education which was supplemented by a three years' course at the Agricultural College of the State University at Urbana, while in the summer months he was trained to the work of the fields, becoming familiar with all departments of farm labor and thus gaining that practical experience which enabled him to carefully and successfully conduct his own business affairs when he started out in life for himself. On the 7th of September, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy C. Jackson, a daughter of Peter Jackson, one of the early settlers of Hancock county, who arrive here in 1852, and has now been a resident of the locality for fifty-four years. He made his home in Carthage until the death of his wife about two years ago and is now living with his children.

Following his marriage Mr. Chapman purchased eighty acres of land in Prairie township north of Elvaston. This was improved and he continued the further cultivation of the fields until about eighteen years ago, when he purchased the old home place of his father and has resided upon it continuously since. He has one hundred and fifty acres of the old home-

stead and the farm is well cultivated, giving every evidence in its neat and thrifty appearance of the careful supervision and practical methods of the owner, whose labors have been attended with a gratifying measure of success. As the years have gone by the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman has been blessed with four children but the oldest died in infancy. The others are John Hurst, who was educated in Carthage and is now a Junior at Hedding College, in Abingdon, Illinois, and now resides upon the home farm; Irene, a senior in Hedding College; and Myrna May, who is now attending the high school in Carthage. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take an active and helpful interest. He has served as one of the trustees and also steward of the church, and for many years he has been a staunch prohibitionist, a fact which indicates his attitude on the temperance question. Indeed his life has been guided by honorable principles and has exemplified manly conduct such as commands respect and esteem everywhere. He has stood for temperance, for justice, for truth and uprightness, and he favors every movement that tends to promote progressive citizenship or uplift his fellowmen.

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#### PETER JACKSON.

Peter Jackson was born in Ross county, Ohio, on August 27, 1826, and lived there

until 1852, when he came to Hancock county, Illinois, in November, coming by wagon, and located in Wythe township, in the spring of 1852, and there he purchased land and lived till 1866, engaged in farming and stock-raising. In 1866 he bought a farm in Prairie township and there he lived as a farmer and stock-raiser until 1895, when he rented his farm and moved to Carthage, where he led a retired life until 1904, when his wife died and since then he has lived with his children.

He married Angeline Hanson who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, May 12, 1828, and lived there until her marriage in 1847. In 1851 she came west with her husband. She was educated in Pickaway county, Ohio. She died April 5, 1904. She was the mother of seven children, all daughters, six of whom are living: Sarah R., wife of Francis W. McClellan, of Winfield, Kansas; Barbara H., widow of George B. Comstock, of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary M., widow of John G. Harris. She resides in Oak Park, Cook county, Illinois. She has three children who were born in Hancock county. Nancy C., wife of Samuel S. Chapman (see sketch of Mr. Chapman); Matilda J., wife of Lot B. Clark (see sketch); Annie E. died in infancy; Helen M., wife of Frank W. Walker (see sketch of Frank W. Walker).

The wife of Mr. Jackson is buried at Carthage cemetery. They were a very worthy couple, who were always held in the highest esteem by all who knew them. Mr. Jackson, who is still living, has at the present writing passed the eightieth milestone of life's journey and still possesses a very retentive memory.

#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CONNOR.

Benjamin Franklin Connor was born in Rome, Perry county, Indiana, in 1832, a son of John and Annie (Maine) Connor. The father was born in New Lynchburg, Virginia, and removed to Bullitt county, Kentucky, in his boyhood days. In 1813, when a young man he became a resident of Rome, Indiana, and there he spent his remaining days and reared his family. He was a man worthy all trust and esteem, for he lived an upright, honorable life. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, all born within a quarter of a mile of the place where he built his first cabin upon taking up his abode in Perry county when it was a pioneer district. His death occurred in 1862, and his wife passed away about 1847 or 1848. She was a faithful and devoted wife and mother, and put forth every effort in her power to promote the welfare and happiness of her family.

Benjamin F. Connor is now the only surviving member of the family. He was fifteen or sixteen years of age at the time of his mother's demise, and for some time thereafter he remained with a sister. He learned the trade of a tanner and currier at Rome, Indiana, where he worked for eight years, and in 1857 he removed to Clark county, Missouri, where he resided until August, 1861. At that date he came to Warsaw. He had engaged in merchandising in Missouri, and following his removal to this city he continued business as a cooper for some years. Subsequently he traveled for eighteen years as representative of a portrait house of Chicago, taking orders for the enlargement of por-

traits. In this he was very successful and wherever he went he made many warm friends by reason of his genial manner, his unfailing courtesy and the many sterling traits of his character which are easily recognized, for such qualities always leave their impress upon the individual. For twelve years, however, he has lived retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Mr. Connor enlisted for service in the Civil war and was in the battle of Athens, Missouri. He remained in the service for five months, engaged in drilling most of that time. It was subsequent to his return from the war that he brought his family to Warsaw in August, 1861. His political allegiance has always been given to the democracy but he has never aspired to office. He is one of the oldest Masons in the state and is an exemplary representative of the craft.

On the 16th of April, 1855, Mr. Connor was married to Miss Eliza Lamb, who was also a native of Perry county, Indiana, born February 18, 1830, and a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Shepherd) Lamb. Her parents were married May 26, 1811. Her father was born in New York, July 21, 1780, while his wife's birth occurred in the south, January 13, 1791. He was a farmer by occupation and for twenty-seven years resided in Perry county, Indiana, where he took an active and influential part in public affairs. He was chosen the first circuit clerk of the county, and for twenty-six years held that office. No higher testimonial of his capability and fidelity could be given than the fact that he was so long retained as the incumbent in that

office. He was faithful to every trust reposed in him and his life was always guided by manly principles and characterized by honorable conduct. He died February 5, 1848, and his wife on the 28th of October, 1855, both being laid to rest on the old homestead farm in Indiana, on which he settled about 1810. This was a valuable farming property, situated on the bank of the Ohio river. At the time of his demise he was serving as one of the commissioners of the county and he passed away in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he was a most consistent and devoted member. In the family were eight children but all have passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor traveled life's journey together as man and wife for about twenty-three years and were then separated by the death of Mrs. Connor, who passed away January 28, 1878, and was laid to rest in the Warsaw cemetery. She was a member of the Methodist church and a lady whose many good traits of heart and mind endeared her to all who knew her. To her family she was a most devoted and faithful wife and mother and she was equally loyal in her friendships. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Connor were born four children. Ella was born in Rome, Perry county, Indiana, January 12, 1856. She was graduated from the Warsaw public schools and taught several years. December 31, 1878, she was married to Dr. C. L. Ferris, of Fountain Green, Illinois, the oldest son of Dr. L. T. and Helen Ferris, who are old residents of the county. Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Ferris have two daughters, Helen and Ruth, and are living in Carthage, Illinois. Helen is a graduate of Carthage College, a

teacher, and is principal of the High School at Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Ruth is a senior in Carthage College. Isabella Sacket, the second daughter, was born at Luray, Clark county, Missouri, July 29, 1857, was graduated from the public schools of Warsaw, and afterward engaged in teaching in this city up to the time of her marriage to John B. Worthen, who was born in Warsaw, February 4, 1855. He is the youngest son of Prof. A. H. and Sarah B. Worthen. Both of his parents were old settlers of Warsaw, while the father was state geologist for twenty years. Mr. Worthen is an enterprising grocer and business man of Warsaw, where he has always lived. Mr. and Mrs. Worthen were married August 21, 1882, and to them six children were born, as follows: Ella Eugenia, born October 26, 1883. She graduated from the Warsaw public school and the State University at Urbana, Illinois, was principal of the high school at Arcola, Illinois, and is an instructor in mathematics at the State University at Lincoln, Nebraska. James C. Worthen, who was born October 16, 1885, died February 1, 1887; Jeannette Lamb, who was born July 13, 1887, and is now a senior in the State University at Urbana, from which she will graduate in 1907; Evelyn Marie, who was born August 18, 1890, and is a sophomore in the Warsaw high school; Helèn Eunice, who was born October 11, 1892, and is in her second year in the high school; and John Connor, born February 13, 1899. J. T. M. Connor, the third member of the family of Benjamin F. Connor, is now living in Chicago, where he is auditor for the Clay-Robinson

Company, live stock commission merchants. He was married in Kansas City, Missouri, December 13, 1885, to Eunice Mason, and they have one child, Ella Belle, who was born November 13, 1886, and is a graduate of the Denver (Colorado) school. Frank H. Connor, born Mary 27, 1865, is a live stock commission merchant of Chicago, being a member of the firm of Clay, Robinson & Co. He was married June 20, 1894, to Evelyn L. Hill, and has had three children. The twin boys, born June 16, 1897, both died at the age of fifteen months, Ronnoc Hill was born August 8, 1903. Both of Mr. Connor's sons were graduates of the Warsaw public schools.

When Mrs. Connor died the children were all single and remained with their father until they were married and had homes of their own. Mrs. Worthen was the second one married and Mr. Connor has since made his home with her and her husband. Mr. Worthen has built a beautiful modern residence on the river bluff, situated on Van Buren and First streets in the part of Warsaw called Fort Edward. This is a beautiful home known as Nehtrow. Here Mr. Connor is most pleasantly situated. He is largely a self-made man, having had few advantages in his youth but his business enterprise and diligence enabled him to make steady advancement in his business career. Wherever he went he made friends by reason of his genial and kindly disposition. He is a man of good judgment and warm impulses and wherever he is known he is held in highest esteem, while the circle of his friends is almost co-extensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

## WILLIAM JACKSON ASH.

William Jackson Ash is one of the venerable citizens of Hamilton, receiving the respect and honor which should be accorded to one of his years and whose life has been worthily spent. He is now eighty-one years of age, having been born in McMinn county, Tennessee, on the 6th of June, 1825, his parents being Hugh Brown Ash and Nancy (Jones) Ash, natives of South Carolina and Tennessee respectively. His paternal grandparents were Robert and Esther Ash, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Ireland. The maternal grandfather, Thomas Jones, was a native of Tennessee, and in that state married Miss Beckham. Robert Ash, leaving his native country, crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of South Carolina, where he followed the occupation of farming for a number of years and then removed to eastern Tennessee, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. It was in that state that Hugh Brown Ash and Nancy Jones were united in marriage and there they lived for a number of years upon a farm. He was injured one day while stacking fodder and soon afterward died. His wife married again nine years later, her second union being with Edwin Pedegrew, who at one time owned famous gold mines in Georgia. They were married in Alabama, to which state the mother of our subject removed and about ten years later they went to Dent county, Missouri, where they spent their remaining days.

William Jackson was the eldest of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of

one brother who is residing in Carrollton, Carroll county, Arkansas. By the second marriage there were two daughters and two sons, of whom one son is now living in Dent county, Missouri.

William J. Ash was twelve years of age when he went with his mother to Cherokee county, Alabama. She there took up one hundred and sixty acres of land and in 1839 was married a second time. It was then that the subject of this review started out in life to make his own way in the world. He began learning the trade of a tanner and leather finisher. He was also the owner of three colts, two cows and several hogs, which he gave to his mother in exchange for homespun clothing. He continued to work at his trade until 1846, in which year Benjamin White, who ten years before had removed to Adams county, Illinois, returned to Tennessee on a visit and about a month later took three Tennessee lads with him to Adams county. He paid their fare and they worked for him two years for ten dollars a month. Mr. Ash had an uncle living in Adams county and after leaving Mr. White's employ he began operating his uncle's farm on shares, being thus engaged for a year. In 1848 he returned to Tennessee and Alabama in company with his uncle, driving across the country with teams. The uncle soon again came to Illinois, but Mr. Ash remained in his native state until after his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated on the 27th of February, 1849, the lady of his choice being Miss Eliza Ann Culpepper, who was born in McMinn county, Tennessee, August 14, 1828, a daughter of Joel and Ann Elizabeth (Tyler) Cul-

pepper, both of whom were natives of South Carolina. The former was a son of John Culpepper and the latter a daughter of John Tyler.

On the 28th of March, 1849, Mr. Ash with his bride started by wagon for Adams county, where they arrived on the 22d of April, after spending almost a month upon the road. They remained in that county for one season and Mr. Ash engaged in the cultivation of a tract of land. He tried to raise a crop of corn but the worms took it and he sowed his land to buckwheat, raising an enormous crop, furnishing large supplies to the city of Quincy of buckwheat flour, which he had ground at Fletcher's Mills in Hancock county. In the fall of 1849 he and his wife removed to Wythe township, this county, where they lived in a log house with punchion floor and fireplace with stick and clay chimney. There was but one room in the cabin. The following season he purchased forty acres of prairie about a mile north of where he lived, fenced his land with rails and raised corn, which was planted on the newly broken sod. The following year he broke more land and also purchased forty acres additional. He also cultivated the eighty acres and rented some land, adding to his place from time to time until he was the owner of three hundred and forty acres in Wythe township, which had been improved as well as any place in the township at that time. As the years passed he added further improvements to his property and made it a splendidly developed farm. He had two large barns, one thirty by eighty feet, which he afterward used for sheltering

his cattle. He kept from twenty to thirty cows and conducted a dairy for ten years. Thus year by year he continued active in business, winning success by his close application and strong determination. He was never idle and indolence is utterly foreign to his nature. He has led a busy and useful life and as the years have gone by has won the success which always crowns earnest effort.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ash have been born the following named: Sarah Mulvina, the wife of W. H. King, who is acting as janitor of the public schools at Hamilton; Mary Adeline, the wife of Frederick Shriker, a mail-carrier at Hamilton; Joel Brown, of Hamilton; Louisa Ann; Amanda Jane, the wife of J. E. Ernst, who owns the old homestead farm; Alice Alma, the wife of Charles F. Binderwald, of Montrose, Iowa; and Narcissa Elizabeth, the wife of D. William Wolfe, a resident of Hamilton.

On the 8th of March, 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Ash removed from the home farm to Hamilton, where he purchased a fine residence on Broadway. Since that time he has lived retired. He rented his land for three years and then sold it. He is one of the organizers and stockholders of the Peoples State Bank, of Hamilton, and also of the West Point State Bank, and thus his money has been placed in institutions where it is bringing a good financial return. He has justly earned the rest which he is now enjoying, for his life has been characterized by unflagging diligence and also by unfaltering honesty in all business transactions. Wherever known he has won high esteem and moreover he is one of the honored pioneer set-

tlers of the county, whose efforts have been a potent element in promoting progress and improvement in this section of the state as the county has emerged from its pioneer conditions.

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#### AHIMAAZ PUNTENNEY.

Ahimaaz Puntenney, the owner of a well improved and valuable farm in Montebello township, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in raising high grade horses, cattle and hogs, is a native son of Adams county, Ohio, where he was born February 10, 1833. He is a son of John and Arminta (Wright) Puntenney, both of whom were natives of Adams county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were George Holinsworth and Margaret (Hamilton) Puntenney, the former a native of New England and the latter of Ireland. The grandfather was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. In order to join the army in the manner he wished he had to be an immune from small pox. He had never suffered from the disease, but his uncle and aunt, with whom he was living, were attending a case of small pox and he thought this his opportunity to become afflicted with the disease. His relatives wished to prevent it and they put the clothing which they had worn while attending the small pox case into a hollow tree. There George Puntenney found them, took them out, wore them and became ill with small pox. Thereby he was

permitted to join the army and he fought valiently for American liberty. Later he was granted a pension, but he would not accept it, having given his aid freely for the cause which he espoused. Subsequently he became a resident of Adams county, Ohio, where he died in 1852, at the very venerable age of ninety-six years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Virginia, while his wife was born in Ireland, whence she came to America when about seven years of age. They were married in Adams county, Ohio, the family having located there at a very early day.

The marriage of John Puntenney and Arminta Wright was celebrated in Adams county, Ohio; where he settled upon a farm, there following general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in April, 1864, when he was sixty-nine years of age.

When Ahimaaz Puntenney was only two years old he went to live with his maternal grandfather in the northern part of Adams county and in 1846 all the family removed to Lee county, Iowa. In company with an uncle and J. W. Dryden, Mr. Puntenney of this review drove across the country from the Buckeye state to their destination, being upon the road from the 18th of September until the 20th of October. His grandfather settled on a farm in Lee county, where he died in 1848. Following his death Mr. Puntenney continued to make his home there with his uncle until about 1855, when he bought forty acres of land on the east line of Montebello township and in 1861 sold that property, subsequently investing in eighty acres on section 23, constituting

the east half of the southeast quarter. He had about fifteen acres broken, but there were no fences or buildings on the place. In 1862 he built a frame house of three rooms and built a half mile of fence on the west side of the farm. He continued the further development and improvement of the place until February, 1864, when he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He left his wife and two small children, who went to Lee county, Iowa, to her mother's home, while Mr. Punttenney went to the front to aid in the defense of the Union. His regiment was consolidated with New York and Indiana troops and did guard duty near Chattanooga on the Chickamauga river. They were in different places in the south doing guard duty, and Mr. Punttenney continued at the front until honorably discharged on the 15th of September, 1865. He had remained with his command for a year and a half and had always been loyal to his duty, faithfully discharging every task that was assigned him in connection with his military service.

Following his return home Mr. Punttenney began making further improvements upon his place and in 1880 he purchased the east half of the southeast quarter, so that he was owner of the entire quarter section. In 1878 he built a large hay barn, which he remodeled in 1905. He also erected an addition to the house in 1890 and now has a good farm property which is enclosed largely with wire fence. He has as fine a prairie farm as can be found in the township and in connection with the tilling of the soil he is engaged in raising Shire draft horses,

good cattle and Poland China hogs. His business interests are carefully directed and his labors have brought to him a very gratifying measure of success.

On the 26th of February, 1861, Mr. Punttenney was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Kerr, who was born in Pennsylvania and during her infancy was brought to Illinois by her parents, Alexander Kerr and Isabelle Dunham, who located at Peoria. Both her father and mother were natives of Scotland and after a brief residence in Peoria they removed to Lee county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Punttenney have been born two sons and two daughters: John Alexander, who owns a ranch near Moscow, Idaho; Iowa B., who is the widow of Samuel Marshall and resides with her father; Nettie K., the wife of James McGaw, of Prairie township, this county; and William L., who conducts the home place.

In his religious views Mr. Punttenney is a Presbyterian and since 1880 has been elder of the church of that denomination at Elvaston. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party and he belongs to Russell post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Hamilton, of which he is senior vice commander. In all duties of citizenship he is as loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag upon battlefields of the south. In his business affairs he is reliable, working earnestly and persistently for the achievement of success and is now the owner of one of the excellent farm properties of Montebello township, where he is pleasantly situated and has a comfortable home.



## JACOB C. BALSLEY.

Jacob C. Balsley, filling the position of township assessor, his home being in Dallas City, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1839, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Longenecker) Balsley, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, the former having been born in Dauphin county, and the latter in Cumberland county. The father engaged in the coal trade and milling on the Monongahela in Pennsylvania for a number of years, and was a member of the state militia in Pennsylvania. In 1854 he came to Illinois, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits and merchandising in Scott county. In 1869, however, he removed to Dallas township, Hancock county, where he engaged in horticultural business, being one of the early men to raise berries and small fruits here until his death, which occurred May 17, 1898, his remains being interred in Dallas City cemetery. At the time of his demise he was a member of the Christian church, and at one time was an Odd Fellow. The mother of our subject still survives him and is a hale and hearty lady of eighty-nine years, now living in Scott county. In their family were nine children, of whom seven are yet living, namely: Jacob C.; George W., a department clerk in Washington, D. C.; Theodosia, the widow of George W. Ebey, living at Winchester, Illinois; Miriam, the widow of A. C. Dean and a resident of Galesburg, this state; John W., also living in Winchester; Frances, the wife of James A. Warren, a prominent lawyer of Win-

chester; and Sarah, the widow of John Kirkpatrick, living in Winchester. Of this number John W. Balsley was a member of the Sixty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry and took part in several engagements, including the battle of Shiloh. He served three years and then veteraned or re-enlisted, after which he was captured and sent to Andersonville prison, where he was held until paroled at the close of the war. George W. Balsley, another brother, was also a member of the Sixty-eighth Illinois Infantry, serving for three months.

Jacob C. Balsley was a youth of fifteen years when in company with his parents he removed from Pennsylvania to Illinois. He continued his studies in the schools of Winchester. In 1861 he responded to the country's call for aid but because he was under size his services were rejected, and he turned his attention to the teacher's profession, teaching in the country district schools for several terms and also one term in the city school. During this time he also read law for a time in the office of Knapp & Case. In 1863 he left home to enter the government service on the Mississippi river and went upon a government transport for three months, but returning home in September on account of physical disability.

Subsequently Mr. Balsley entered the postoffice at Winchester in 1863 and acted as deputy postmaster there for three years, and in 1866 and 1867 he was employed as a clerk in a drug store. He spent the succeeding seven years in the office of G. W. Martin, then county clerk at Winchester, as his deputy. He afterward entered the postoffice again for two

years and he was the first to receive the news of President Lincoln's assassination and was in the postoffice at the time of President Garfield's death. Later he again engaged in teaching school in the county of Scott and in 1891 he came to Hancock county, settling in Dallas City, being engaged with his father in the horticultural business until the time of the latter's death.

On the 24th of July, 1898, Mr. Balsley was married to Mrs. Elizabeth P. Frice, who was born in Adams county, Illinois. Her father was of German birth, while her mother was a native of Covington, Kentucky. The mother is still living in Dallas City but the father, A. Padburg, who was a cooper by trade, has departed this life. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Padburg were nine children, seven of whom are yet living, as follows: Mrs. Balsley of this review; May, the wife of Alston Giddings, near La Harpe, Illinois; Ella, the widow of William Giddings and who lives on a farm near Burnside, Illinois; John, who is engaged in the practice of medicine at Francis, Indian Territory; Charles, living in Dallas City; Alfred, a student of medicine of Dallas City; and Leah, the wife of Charles Hinckley, of Dallas City. Mrs. Padburg is a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Padburg was a pioneer Mason. He came to Hancock county in early life, being but ten years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to America. His eldest daughter, Elizabeth, was married in 1878 to Frank Frice, a native of Galena, Illinois, who was a brick molder by trade and spent much of his time in Nauvoo, Illinois. He died August 11, 1894, and was buried in

Dallas City, Illinois. In the family were two children, of whom one is now living, Frankie Myrtle, born in Dallas City, July 17, 1880, died April 4, 1895, and was buried by the side of her father. Cleo A. Frice, born in Dallas City March 3, 1886, married Miss Sarah Wells, and is a clerk in a grocery store in Dallas City. They have one child, Genevieve, who was born in Dallas City June 30, 1905. Cleo Frice and his family live with Mr. and Mrs. Balsley.

Following his father's death Mr. Balsley remained upon the old home place, which he inherited, from 1898 until 1902. In the latter year he entered the postoffice at Dallas City as assistant, there continuing until 1905 and since that time he has been employed as clerk in the Black & Loomis lumber office. He is now serving as assessor of his township. He has always been a republican and has firm faith in the principles of the party and their ultimate supremacy. His wife is a member of the Christian church and with her he attends its services. They reside in a pretty home on Oak street and Mrs. Balsley takes a very active part in church work, serving as one of the teachers of the Sunday-school and doing all in her power to advance the various church activities. Mr. Balsley is regarded as a trustworthy citizen who discharges every duty devolving upon him in prompt and conscientious manner. He is a careful and painstaking man and both he and his wife stand high in the community where they have made many friends and are held in the highest esteem by all with whom they come in contact, either in social or business relations.

## WILLIAM L. KIMBROUGH.

William L. Kimbrough was born in Carthage township, where he is now engaged in farming. His natal day was October 27, 1852, and his birthplace was four miles east of the city of Carthage and about a quarter of a mile north. His parents were William R. and Elizabeth (Dale) Kimbrough, extended mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. In the common schools of his township the subject of this review acquired his education. In the summer months he aided in the work of the fields, early becoming familiar with the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. He remained upon the home place until twenty-two years of age and then, leaving the parental roof, started out in life on his own account by working as a farm hand at a salary of twenty dollars per month. He was thus employed for some time in the vicinity of La Harpe and on his marriage, December 28, 1874, he rented a farm in Carthage township, which he cultivated for a year. He afterward spent a year upon a rented farm in Henderson county, Illinois, after which he returned to Carthage township. Another year passed and he then went to Nevada, working in the silver mines at Austin and later at Leadville, Colorado, for two years. When he again came to Illinois he was employed at farm labor by the month in Henderson county for four years and with the capital he acquired through his economy and industry he then purchased eighty acres of land on section 33, Carthage township, for which he paid twenty-five hundred dol-

lars. Taking up his abode thereon he made it his home for ten years and he still owns the place, which, however, is now being operated by his son. When a decade had passed he rented a farm from F. M. Cutler, which he operated for five years and then purchased the present home farm of eighty acres on section 22, Carthage township, which was well improved. He also owns forty acres which he purchased from his father on section 11 of the same township and all of his land is under a high state of cultivation. His home is on section 22, where he has a fine modern residence and other good buildings in keeping with the model farm of the twentieth century. His time is devoted to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also to stock raising and both branches of his business are proving profitable.

On the 28th of December, 1874, Mr. Kimbrough was married to Miss Mary A. Butler, who was born in Monroe, Green county, Wisconsin, April 26, 1857. Her parents were Jesse and Elizabeth (Tatham) Butler. Her father was born in Zanesville, Ohio, April 13, 1826, a son of Henry and Charity Butler, who removed to the Buckeye state from Maryland. Jesse Butler was reared in Ohio and on the 11th of March, 1847, he married Elizabeth Tatham, also a native of Zanesville. About 1856 they removed to Wisconsin, settling at Monroe, Green county, where they lived upon a farm until the autumn of 1864, Mr. Butler devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and sheep raising. When eight years had passed he removed with his family to a farm near La Harpe,

Illinois, where he lived for about thirty years, becoming one of the best known and most enterprising agriculturists of that locality. On selling his property he took up his abode near Blencoe, Iowa, where he lived for two years, when on account of failing health he returned to Illinois, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Kimbrough, until his death, which occurred on the 30th of October, 1896, when he had reached the age of seventy years, six months and seventeen days. His widow still survives him and is now living in Ellsworth, Iowa, with her youngest daughter at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Butler was a man of genuine personal worth. While residing in Wisconsin he announced his faith in the Christian religion and ever lived a life in harmony with his professions. He was honest at all times, reliable in his business transactions and faithful in his friendships. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Sylvester, of Holton, Kansas; William L., of Stronghurst, Illinois; Arthur V., of Monmouth, Illinois; Mrs. Clara Van Zandt, of Roseville, Illinois; Mrs. Charity Mesecher, of Blencoe, Iowa; and Mrs. Kimbrough.

The last named was the fourth in order of birth in the family and was educated in the schools of La Harpe, the academy at that place and in the Normal course at Carthage College. She engaged in teaching for seven years in the schools of Hancock and Henderson counties and was widely recognized as a capable educator. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough have been born three children, of whom one, Jesse, died in infancy. Clarence, born July 9,

1876, resides upon his father's home farm one section 33, Carthage township. He was educated in Carthage and married Miss Leah Coultas, who was born at Winchester, Scott county, Illinois. They have one child, Lottie. The youngest member of the Kimbrough family is Arno, who was born December 17, 1891.

Mr. Kimbrough exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough are members of the Baptist church and are interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral progress of their community. Mr. Kimbrough has passed almost his entire life in Hancock county, so that his record is well known to his fellow citizens and in his life history there is much that is commendable and worthy of emulation.

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#### WILLIAM R. KIMBROUGH.

William R. Kimbrough, one of the early settlers of Hancock county, residing on his farm of eighty acres on section 11, Carthage township, is a native of Kentucky, born in Todd county, January 24, 1830. He is a son of William and Susan (Wyatt) Kimbrough, natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Kentucky at an early day. The father engaged in farming in Todd county until 1834, when he brought his family to Hancock county, Illinois, settling in Carthage township,

where he purchased a farm of forty acres east of the city of Carthage. He built there a log cabin and began the development of the property. He lived there for some years and afterward sold the farm, removing to a larger farm which he rented. A number of years later he took up his abode in Carthage, where he lived retired, his death occurring there when he was eighty-six years of age. He was a member of the Baptist church and a democrat in political views. A public spirited man, he was an advocate of all that tended to improve and advance the community interests. He was also a prosperous and progressive resident of the county in his day and he was uniformly respected. At the time of the war of 1812 he espoused the cause of his country and served throughout the period of hostilities. His widow, who was also a consistent member of the Baptist church, survived him for a number of years and in their family were fourteen children, who grew to maturity, but William R. is the only one now living. Both parents lie buried in Seckman cemetery in Carthage township.

William R. Kimbrough obtained his education in a log schoolhouse, walking six miles over the prairie to school. As a young man he assisted his father upon the home farm, remaining there until about sixteen years of age, when he began working by the month as a farm hand in Carthage township. In 1853 he crossed the plains to California, attracted by the gold excitement there, journeying with horses and ox teams, the party numbering six men who had three teams. They were about five and a half months in making

the trip and Mr. Kimbrough remained in California for two years, his wife and two children spending that time in Hancock county. As he was in limited financial circumstances upon his arrival he began operating a threshing machine at five dollars per day. He was thus employed during the fall, after which he drove cattle across the country to the market and was thus engaged until he returned to Illinois. He had made his way to California with the idea of mining but he did not spend a day in the mines, being well satisfied with the work which came to him and the money which he obtained thereby. Following his return to Illinois in 1855 he bought a farm southeast of Carthage in Carthage township, comprising sixty acres. Upon this he made his home for twelve years, tilling the soil and raising stock, after which he sold the place and purchased his present farm on section 11, Carthage township. He has made his home in this county for seventy-three years and is one of its honored pioneer residents. He put all of the improvements upon his present farm, erecting a large and substantial two-story frame dwelling and also good barns and other outbuildings, so that he now has a model farm property.

In July, 1847, Mr. Kimbrough was married to Miss Elizabeth Dale, who was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, a daughter of Lunsford and Fanny (Boston) Dale, natives of Woodford county, whence they came to Illinois, settling in Morgan county. After some time they came to Hancock county in 1846 and located in Carthage township, where Mr. Dale engaged in farming until his death.

He and his wife and one daughter died the same week of fever. They were supporters of the Baptist church. Mrs. Kimbrough was fourteen years of age at the time she was left an orphan, after which she lived with an uncle until her marriage in 1847. She was born June 27, 1830, and is now seventy-six years of age. She holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and is a most estimable lady.

Nine children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Kimbrough. James, who for many years has been a railroad conductor and resides in Denver, Colorado, married Nora White and their children are James, Frank and Corene. William L. is represented elsewhere in this work. Sarah Frances is the wife of Jefferson Koontz, a son of John and Malinda (Smart) Koontz, who were early settlers of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz own ninety acres adjoining her father's farm. She was first married to James Briley, who after farming several years in Henderson county removed to this county and followed farming in Carthage township. He died about seven years after their marriage, leaving two sons and two daughters: Frank, a farmer of Carthage township, who married Ethel Ervin and has one child, Thomas; Thomas, a resident farmer of Iowa, who wedded Nellie Clayworth and has a daughter, Beulah; Esta, the deceased wife of Ralph Sowers; and Elizabeth, the wife of Luther Earls, of Carthage, by whom she has two children, Joy and Blossom. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Koontz have been born five children, three of whom are living: Fannie, the wife of Wadsworth Earls, by whom

she has two daughters, Helen and Lois Frances; Ross, at school; and Abba M. Marinda Kimbrough, the fourth of the family, is the wife of Roy Fletcher, of Carthage, and had two children, Charles and Blanche, the latter deceased. Julia Kimbrough is the widow of Thomas Ervin, who was a farmer and stock buyer of Carthage township, and she has four children, Bruce, Irene, Tressler and Thomas. George, a railroad fireman on Colorado & Southern, of Denver, Colorado, married Clara Swadley. Nellie Ann is the wife of Henry Fleshman, proprietor of a restaurant at Hannibal, Missouri. By her former marriage to John Rucker, who was a farmer of Carthage township, she had two children, Chloris and Rollin. Thomas married Birdie Pennock and died at the age of thirty-one years, leaving three children, Velna, Shirley and Harley, who are living with their mother in Carthage.

Mr. Kimbrough is a democrat in politics but has never cared for office. He has seen many changes and improvements made in the county which in his boyhood days was a vast wild prairie, over which roamed herds of deer and other wild animals. He has seen the raw and unbroken prairie land transformed into rich fertile farms and has done his full share to make the county what it is today—one of the richest and most productive farming districts of this great state. His life has been a busy one, yet he has found time to travel extensively throughout the country and acquaint himself with his native land. He has just returned from a visit to his old Kentucky home which

he left in childhood. Through persistent effort and industry he has won success and has carefully reared his family, so that they have become prominent and influential members of society.

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### J. E. LOOP.

J. E. Loop, proprietor of a meat market and also identified with the control of municipal affairs as a member of the board of city aldermen in Carthage, was born in Hancock county, in 1858, his parents being Simon and Rebecca (Schenck) Loop. The father was born in Virginia and the mother in Ohio. In the year 1851 or 1852 Simon Loop, who was a butcher by trade, removed to Hancock county and spent his remaining days in Carthage, where he resided for thirty years or more, passing away in March, 1882, while his wife died in 1896 and was laid by his side in Carthage cemetery. He voted with the Republican party but had no desire for office. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, while his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church. In their family were seven children, of whom four are now living: Mary, the wife of Samuel Camp, who resides in Carthage; Jennie, the wife of William Ward, of Adrian, Illinois; J. E., of this review; and James M., of this county. Joseph, John and William Loop, uncles of our subject, were soldiers of the Civil war, enlisting from Ohio as defenders of the Union.

Reared under the parental roof J. E. Loop acquired his education in the public schools of Carthage and then entered his father's meat market, where he worked for three years, acquiring a good, practical knowledge of the business. He was afterward employed by other butchers until 1895, when, ambitious to engage in business on his own account he opened a meat market, which he is still conducting on Jefferson street. For a year or more he was a partner of John Bertschi but is now alone in business and has a well equipped market well supplied with the latest improved machinery for the care of the meats. He keeps a high grade of goods, for his patronage is constantly growing. He also owns a small pasture and a slaughter house.

In 1893 Mr. Loop was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Van Winkle, who was born in Denver, Hancock county, Illinois, a daughter of John and Catherine (Shupman) Van Winkle. The parents reside at West Point, Hancock county, Illinois, and Mr. Van Winkle is a farmer. Of their family of five children four survive, as follows: Patience, the wife of H. L. Price, of Carthage; Mrs. Loop; Alice, the wife of Marion Mathews, living in Augusta, Hancock county; and Frank, who lives in Hamilton, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Loop have four children, all born in Carthage township: Lloyd F., Lola B., Lionel, James and Mary P., all attending school. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and take an active and helpful part in its work. Their home is in the northwest part of the city. Mr. Loop is a republican and for the past two years has

efficiently served as alderman. Fraternally, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is entirely a self-made man, who without family or pecuniary advantages to aid him at the outset of his career has battled earnestly and energetically. Modest in demeanor and in his demands for public office, his friends, however, recognize his genuine worth and he has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the city and county and a good trade in Carthage.

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#### CHARLES B. LOFTON.

The students of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Hancock county without learning of the close, honorable and extended connection of the Lofton family with the movements, measures and business interests which have promoted the growth and development of this part of the state. The grandparents of Charles B. Lofton arrived in the '40s and Franklin Lofton, an uncle of our subject, participated in the Mormon war of 1844. He afterward went to California at the time of the gold excitement in that state, taking with him ten or twelve men and a number of ox teams. The grandfather was an active factor in the early development of this county, aiding in reclaiming the wild land for the uses of civilization. He died many years ago and was long survived by his wife, who bore the maiden name

of Elizabeth Seals. After her husband's death she went to live with her son, Jefferson Lofton, in whose home she died at the very advanced age of one hundred and two years and fourteen days, being the oldest woman in the county at that time.

Jefferson Lofton, father of our subject, was born in Washington county, Indiana, in 1821 and was thus reared upon the frontier, early becoming familiar with all the hardships and experiences incident to pioneer life. He removed to Hancock county in 1848, settling upon a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres on section 26, Dallas township. There was only one house between his home and Carthage at that time and only three dwellings in Dallas City. The work of improvement and progress seemed scarcely begun and the most far sighted could not have dreamed of the rapid changes which were soon to take place and make this district one of the leading counties of a great commonwealth in which are found all of the evidences of an advanced civilization, together with the varied business interests that denote material progress and prosperity. Settling upon his farm, he cleared the land for the erection of a home and then continued in the work of improvement until he had developed a splendid property. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and he was prominent and influential in community affairs, holding a number of local offices. He married Miss Elizabeth Richardson for his first wife. They became the parents of ten children, of whom six are now living: Lavina, the wife of Ferdinand Victor, of Kansas City, Missouri; Paulina, the wife of Jonah Cather,



of Dallas City; Amanda, the wife of Joseph Marshall, of Kansas City, Missouri; John, of Dallas City; Franklin, who came to Hancock county in 1840; and Henry, who is living in Missouri. After losing his first wife in 1855 Mr. Lofton was married in 1861 to Miss Sarah Merrill, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1841 and whose father was a farmer of Hancock county. There were twelve children in the Merrill family but only two are now living, namely: Mrs. Lofton; and Mrs. Julia Hibbard, who resides in Adams county, this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lofton were born seven children, of whom three yet survive: Rose is the wife of Fred Lavine, of Dallas township, by whom she has two children, Laveta and Lawrence; Manford, who lives in Dallas township, and has two children, Eldon and Beulah; and Charles B., of this review. Iva Lofton, the eldest child of the second marriage, became the wife of Mark Bailey and died May 23, 1905, in Chase county, Nebraska, leaving seven children: Clara, Alta, Edna, Rose, Velma, Gladys, Lafayette and George Harlan. The father died April 6, 1901, and was buried in the family cemetery on his own farm but the mother is still living.

Charles B. Lofton has always lived upon the old homestead farm where he was born and now manages the place for his mother. He was reared to the occupation of farming and his practical experience in youth enabled him to carry on the work with success when he assumed the management of the property. He has his fields under a high state of cultivation and everything about the place is kept in excellent condition. By his own efforts,

energy and honesty he has added many comforts to the home place and has made it a valuable farm property. He is a well read man, keeping in touch with the general interests of the day and in manner he is genial and jovial, having many warm friends. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as supervisor of his township.

July 31, 1906, Mr. Lofton married Lola G. High, of Fergusville, West Virginia. She was born February 6, 1885, a daughter of John and Sarah (Hoffman) High. The father was a merchant at Fergusville, West Virginia, where he still lives. The grandfather, Warner P. High, was one of the oldest residents of Fergusville and was a farmer by occupation, a republican in politics as is also the father. Miss High was reared at Fergusville and educated in the schools and continued to reside in that place until the time of her marriage.

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#### JACOB G. LUNG.

Jacob G. Lung is numbered among the self-made men of Hancock county, who, starting out in life without any special family or pecuniary advantages, has worked his way steadily upward, battling earnestly and energetically and coming off victor in the strife. He was born in Germany April 6, 1859, a son of Gottlieb and Kate (Say) Lung. The parents were also natives of the fatherland and were married there October 10, 1858. They came to America when the subject

of this review was only about a year old, landing at New York, whence they made their way to Ohio, where for some time the father was employed as a day laborer. He was born June 9, 1831, and passed away in Ohio, while his wife, who was born October 25, 1832, still survives him and is now living in Dallas City. In their family were three children: Christina D., the wife of Fred Maurer, of Dallas City; Jacob G.; and George, who died at the age of eight months.

Jacob G. Lung was educated in the public schools of Dallas City, having been brought by his parents to this county when a young lad. He remained with his mother until after he had attained his majority and as a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Louisa Meunzenmeier, to whom he was married on the 5th of April, 1885. She was born in Eslingen, Germany, in 1862, a daughter of Gotlieb and Margaret Maurer Muenzenmeier, who were likewise natives of Germany, the former born September 4, 1820, and the latter July 17, 1817. They came to America in 1882 and settled in Dallas, where Mr. Meunzenmeier engaged in business as a gardener. His wife died in 1897 and he passed away in March, 1903, their graves being made in Dallas cemetery. They were members of the German Methodist Episcopal church, to which the parents of Mr. Lung also belonged. In the Meunzenmeier family were four children: William, now living in Germany; Gotlieb, of Dallas City; Christian, who resides in Burlington, Iowa; and Mrs. Lung.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lung lived for several years upon a rented

farm in Durham township and in 1888 he purchased seventy-eight acres of land in the same township, upon which he erected a house, making that farm his home for nineteen years. He carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising and he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. In November, 1902, he bought two hundred and ten acres of land on section 1, Dallas township, where he now resides, and he has here a pretty two-story frame residence. He has since built a granary, a hen house and fences and has added other modern improvements to his farm. He still owns his first farm, a part of which he now rents. In his business life he has displayed unfaltering energy and laudable ambition and has thus worked his way upward to success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lung have been born five children, four in Durham township and one in Dallas township. These are: Laura, who was born August 17, 1886; Walter, May 17, 1888; Mark, May 25, 1890; Edith, February 29, 1896; and Victor, February 6, 1902. The parents are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they take a very active and helpful part, Mr. Lung serving as one of the church trustees and also as a teacher in the Sunday-school. He votes with the Republican party and has filled the office of school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm and stalwart friend. Starting out in life empty handed, he has through his perseverance and diligence made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity and today he is surrounded by many of the comforts of life, secured

entirely through his own efforts. Both he and his wife command and enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community. He bears an unassailable reputation for straightforward dealing in his business affairs and that he has been most diligent is indicated by his present valuable farming possessions.

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### LEWIS SACK.

Lewis Sack, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil war and a well known agriculturist of Rocky Run township. When one has passed from the scene of earthly activities it is common to review the life record, note its salient characteristics and draw lessons therefrom recording the failures or successes. In the record of Lewis Sack there is found much that is commendable and worthy of emulation, and to his family he left not only a comfortable competence but also an untarnished name, which comes to them as a priceless heritage. A native of St. Charles county, Missouri, he was born in 1840, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Hancock county, the family home being established in Rocky Run township, where for some years the father followed the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife are now deceased. In their family were eight children, six of whom are living: Jacob, a resident of Warsaw; John, of California; Charles, who resides in Missouri; William, of Rocky Run; Louisa, the wife of Jacob Bradshaw, of

Burlington, Iowa; and Delia, the widow of Henry Herzog, late of Tioga, Illinois.

Lewis Sack is the second in order of birth in this family and he began his education in the public schools of St. Louis, Missouri, while later he continued his studies in Rocky Run township. To his father he gave the benefit of his services upon the home farm until after the inauguration of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and with loyal impulse he responded to the country's call, joining the boys in blue of Company H, One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment of Illinois Infantry. He was in the army for four years, during which time he endured all the hardships, experiences and privations meted out to the soldier, and participated in many important engagements which led up to the final results of the war.

When hostilities had ceased and the country no longer needed his aid Mr. Sack returned to his home and resumed farming. In 1869 he was married to Miss Anna Eliza Weston, a native of Illinois. They traveled life's journey together for about seventeen years, and Mrs. Sack then passed away in 1886. Of their five children four are still living: Lillian, the wife of John Brenner, of Iowa; Bertha, the wife of John Snyder, of Quincy; Bertram, a twin of Bertha, and Pearl, the wife of Harry Keith, of Missouri, and Rhoda, now deceased.

In March, 1888, Mr. Sack was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth Shaffner, who was born in Germany in 1851, a daughter of George and Louisa (Trautvetter) Mathes. Her parents were natives of Germany and in her

childhood came to America. They were residents of Kentucky in early life and thence removed to Warsaw, Illinois, where Mrs. Mathes died twenty-nine years ago. Mr. Mathes, however, is still living in Rocky Run township at the age of eighty years. In his family were eight children, six of whom survive: George, who is living with Mrs. Sack; Fred, of Warsaw; Rudolph, who resides in Rocky Run township; Mrs. Sack; Henry, who is with his father in Rocky Run township; and Minnie, the wife of Frank Shair, also on the old homestead with the father. Mrs. Sack was first married in 1871, becoming the wife of Jacob Shaffner, who was born in Switzerland. His parents both died in Germany. Coming to the new world he was known for some years as a thrifty farmer of Wilcox township and he died there in 1886, leaving one son, George J., of Rocky Run township who married Miss Cora Gillham and has two children. By her second marriage Mrs. Sack had two children, twins, Bessie May and Jessie Pay. The former is at home but the latter died January 25, 1904, at the age of fourteen years, and was buried in Warsaw cemetery. She died suddenly although she had long been an invalid and during her illness had displayed a most sweet and lovable disposition, being a most patient sufferer, greatly missed by all.

Mr. Sack was the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Rocky Run township, whereon he built a comfortable residence and one of the best barns in that part of the county. He also put up other good outbuildings and developed an excellent farm property, which is now in

possession of his widow. He was a republican in politics and always stood loyally by the party which was the defense of the union at the time of the Civil war and which has always been a party of reform, progress and improvement. An industrious man, frugal and careful, he thus made a start in life and in later years was enabled to enjoy more of life's comforts and luxuries. In his business affairs he was thoroughly reliable and was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction. He was regarded as a kind friend, a good neighbor and loyal citizen, and thus his death was the occasion of deep and wide spread regret, when, on the 27th of November, 1900, he was called to his final rest, his remains being interred in Rocky Run township. Mrs. Sack still survives her husband and resides upon the farm but rents the land, from which she derives a good income, and she is comfortably situated in life.

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#### R. E. GILLHAM.

R. E. Gillham, one of the substantial farmers of Wilcox township, and a native son of the county, was born in Rocky Run township, January 13, 1855, and is a son of John and Ann (Woodworth) Gillham. The father was born in Kentucky in 1832, and the mother was a native of Missouri. When a young boy he came to Hancock county, settling in Walker township, and throughout the greater part of his life he

followed the occupation of farming. He spent six years in California, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits and also worked in the gold mines. He then returned to his old home in Hancock county and was identified with its agricultural interests up to the time of his demise which occurred in June, 1888. His wife passed away in January, 1890, and both were laid to rest in Warsaw cemetery. Of their five children four yet survive, namely: R. E., of this review; James, of Texas; Lemuel, also in Texas; and Dr. Charles W. Gillham, of Warsaw, Illinois.

The early educational privileges of R. E. Gillham were obtained in the district schools of Rocky Run township, and were supplemented by a course of study in the Warsaw high school. Nothing occurred to vary for him the routine of farm life in his boyhood days, and the practical training which he received in the work of the fields proved of the utmost value when he started out in life on his own account. He was married January 14, 1875, to Miss Anna M. Pell, who was born in Michigan, August 13, 1855, and is a daughter of John and Sarah Ann (Southwell) Pell, both of whom were natives of England. The mother, born September 21, 1835, was educated in London, and when eighteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Mr. Pell, who chose farming as a life work, followed that pursuit for many years in Lewis county, Missouri, where he passed away, after which his widow became the wife of Jacob Sack, who is still living in Warsaw. Mrs. Sack, however, departed this life, February 23, 1902. By her first

marriage she had three children, two of whom survive, namely: Mrs. Gillham; Halsey Pell, of Warsaw; by second marriage there are William Sack, also of Warsaw; and Emma, the wife of Thomas Daugherty, of Warsaw. Robert Southwell, an uncle of Mrs. Gillham on the maternal side, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting from Canton, Missouri, when he was eighteen years of age to drive a team. He was advanced to the position of clerk and served throughout the war.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillham has been blessed with three children, all of whom were born on the homestead farm and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Cora E., the eldest, born November 1, 1875, is the wife of George Schaffner living in Rocky Run township; and they have two children, Carl Merle and Mary Jeannette. Mary A., born May 24, 1882, is with her sister. Herschel Edwin, born July 2, 1892, is now a student in the Warsaw high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillham began their domestic life upon his father's farm, where they resided until about fourteen years ago, when the father died and Mr. Gillham then purchased his present place on section 28, Wilcox township, comprising one hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land, on which he is still living. He carries on the work of tilling the soil after most progressive modern methods and each step in his business career has been a forward one. He likewise raises stock and good grades of horses; cattle and hogs will be seen in his feed lots and pastures. In the midst of a busy

life he has found time and opportunity to keep well informed on political questions and issues of the day, and he gives his allegiance to the democracy. He has served as school director, as highway commissioner and as trustee of the schools. In his business career he has made a record such as any man might be proud to possess, for it is characterized by sterling honesty and unfaltering fidelity to a high standard of business ethics. He started at the bottom round of the ladder of life and has steadily climbed upward. Personally he is a large hearted man, genial in disposition and kindly in manner and both he and his wife are esteemed by many friends throughout the township.

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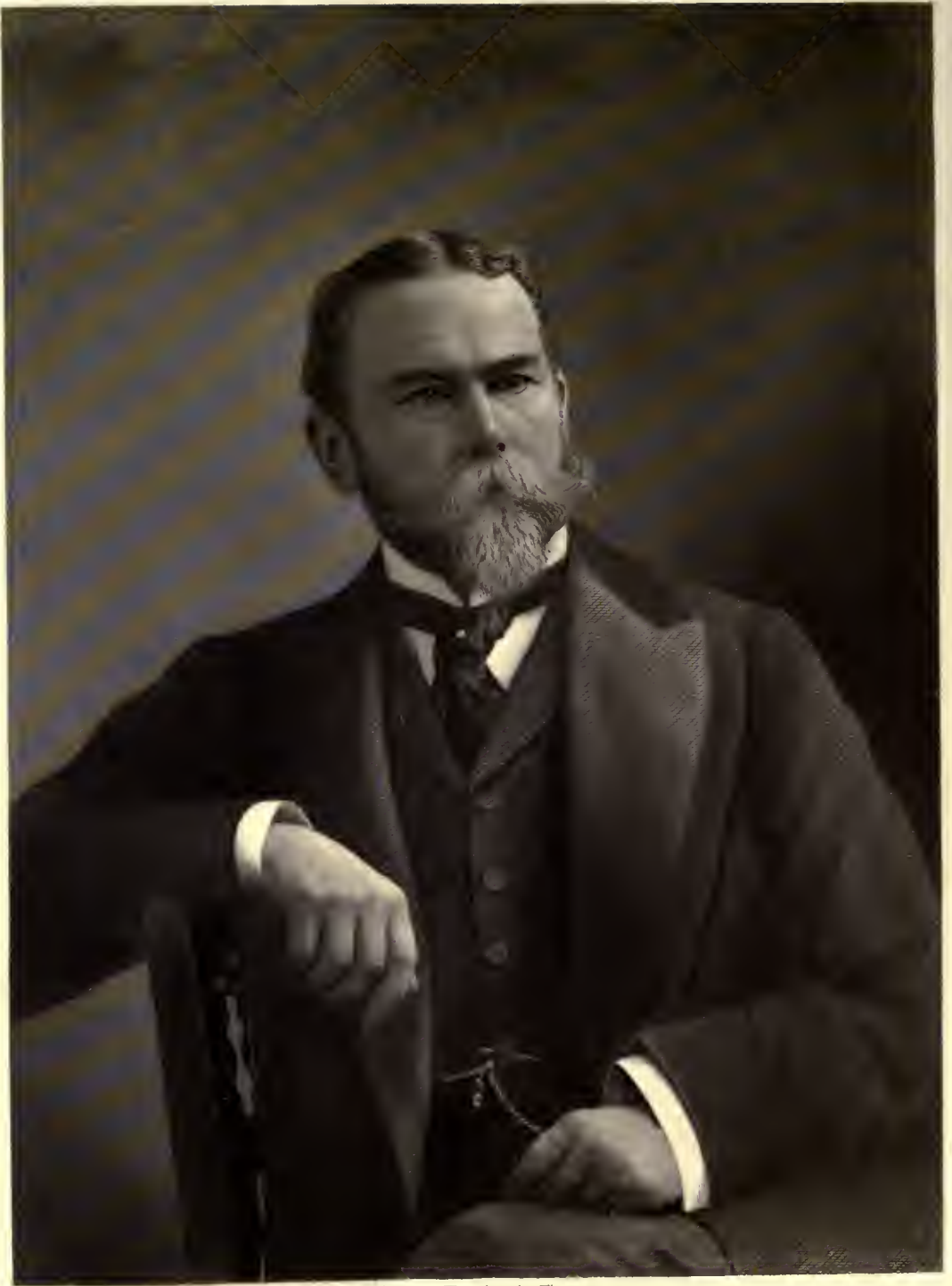
#### SAMUEL R. JONES.

Samuel R. Jones, whose home is pleasantly and conveniently located on sections 23 and 24, Carthage township, has one hundred and sixty acres of land that is well improved and in its conduct he displays thorough and practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil. A native of Indiana, he was born in Putnam county, January 1, 1840, and there spent the days of his boyhood and youth, living upon the home farm of his parents, Carter T. and Eliza (Roberts) Jones. Both were natives of Kentucky and in early life became residents of Indiana. Subsequent to their marriage they resided in Putnam county, where Carter T. Jones engaged in farming for a number of years.

Later he returned to Kentucky, locating in Shelby county, where he remained for four years, when he came to Illinois, taking up his abode in Sonora township, Hancock county, where the father purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres. This he improved, making it his home until his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. He was a member of the Methodist church and was actuated by high and lofty purposes and manly principles. His political support was given to the democracy but he had no aspiration for office. His wife died in Indiana at the age of forty-five years and he later married Miss Mary Gilmore in Putnam county, Indiana. She died in Chicago at the home of her daughter in 1904. Of the six children by the first marriage only two are living, Samuel R. and William R., of Oklahoma. By the second marriage four are living, one son having died in childhood. Those living are James A., of Oakwood, Robert, of Washington, Myra, now Mrs. Jeolidon, of Chicago, and Frank, of Kansas.

Samuel R. Jones obtained his education in the common schools of Putnam county and as a young man assisted in the work of the home farm, remaining under the parental roof until 1863, which year witnessed his arrival in Illinois. He first settled in Fulton county, where he purchased a small farm, residing there for four years. He then removed to Champaign county, Illinois, where he lived for two years, and in 1869 he came to Hancock county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Sonora township, which he farmed for some time. He sold this and bought

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*John Hay*



a farm in Montebello township, comprising one hundred acres, on which he lived for five years. When he had again disposed of his property he purchased his present farm and has since lived thereon. It was only partially improved when it came into his possession and he has added many modern equipments and accessories. The fields are now well tilled and bring him bounteous harvests, while the buildings are kept in an excellent state of repair. He has engaged in general farming and stock-raising all of his life and concentrated his energies upon his business interests to the exclusion of active participation in politics although he gives the support of his ballot to the men and measures of democracy.

Happy is his home life. Mr. Jones was married September 7, 1861, to Miss Sarah Sublett, who was born in Putnam county, Indiana, and is a daughter of David and Mary (Marshall) Sublett. The father was born in Kentucky and at an early day went to Indiana, taking up his abode in Putnam county, where he followed farming. That pursuit was his life work and through his devotion thereto he provided a comfortable living for his family. He died in Indiana at the age of seventy years, while his wife passed away during the early girlhood of Mrs. Jones, who was one of a family of nine children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born seven children. Ida May, the eldest, is the wife of William Crosby, a resident farmer of Sonora township, Hancock county, and they have one daughter, Hattie, who is the wife of Joseph Shell, a farmer of Sonora township. Carter T., the second in order of birth,

follows farming in Spink county, South Dakota, wedded May Smith, and has three children, Robert, Floyd and Ethel. Sophia is the wife of John Sheets, also an agriculturist of Spink county, South Dakota, and they have one daughter, Madaline. Edward, who is engaged in farming in Spink county, South Dakota, wedded Amanda Maginn, and has two children, Paul Alexander and Opal. Albert is operating the home farm. Jennie is the wife of Harvey Goodrich, a resident farmer of Carthage township and they have a daughter, Helen. William died at the age of twenty-one years. All of the children were born in Hancock county with the exception of Ida and Carter, who are natives of Fulton county. Mr. Jones has seen many improvements made in Hancock county, which was just emerging from pioneer conditions when he took up his abode here. He has done his full share in making the county what it is today and though he has not sought to figure in public life he has made a record for good citizenship and for honesty in business that is indicative of sterling principles which are the motive power of his actions.

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#### HON. JOHN HAY.

It is given to few men to so fully realize their ambitions as it was to Dr. Charles Hay, father of John Hay, the nobility of whose character is indicated in his words, when in writing to one of his sons

upon his seventy-fifth birthday, he said, "I have never been conscious of but one ambition and that I have had all my days. I have always wished to found a family; I mean this of course not in any aristocratic, still less in any plutocratic sense, but I have hoped to leave behind me children and children's children—and the greater the number the better I would be pleased—with whom intelligence, honor and thrift would be matters of instinct and tradition. I would prefer a certainty of this in the future to any amount of personal distinction for myself, if the choice were left to me."

From such a stock sprang John Hay, author, journalist and diplomat, and certainly the father's ambition found realization in the life of this honored son. The other members of the family, too, were a credit and honor to his name, but in this review we have to deal more entirely with the history of John Hay, who rose to distinction through the inherent force of character through the recognition of opportunity and to a greater extent, through the unfaltering devotion to duty and to high ideals of citizenship which were ever recognized as among his most salient characteristics. He was born in Salem, Indiana, October 8, 1838, and was fortunate in that his youth and boyhood were passed amid the environments of a home of culture and refinement, his parents typifying the very best in manhood and womanhood. They realized the value of education and spared no effort or expense on their part to provide their sons and daughters with every advantage in this direction. He was but three years of age

at the time of the removal of the family from Salem to Warsaw, Illinois, and he began his education in the "little brick" schoolhouse which still stands on Fourth street in Warsaw and until within recent years was yet in use for educational purposes. During his early school days he was a diligent and studious boy, with a taste for languages and composition and versifying, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Woolfolk, who still lives in Warsaw said, "In his boyhood he had the habit of stringing words together into rhymes." He attended the little brick schoolhouse until he reached the age of thirteen, learning literally all there was to learn from Mr. Holmes and his successors. He supplemented his studies in lessons of Greek and Latin from his father. At the age of thirteen he was sent to Pittsfield, Illinois, to attend a private school for a year and a half as a preparation for entrance at Brown University, and when fifteen years of age he became a student in that institution, where he passed his examination in Greek and Latin so creditably that his examiner made special inquiry as to where he had received his preparation. He answered with great pride that his tutelage in ancient languages was from his father. His education, however, was not one continuous round of study but for various reasons suffered interruptions. Viewed from a financial standpoint perhaps John Hay might be termed a self-made man, for in his early youth his father was in somewhat limited financial circumstances, owing to the pecuniary assistance which he had given to his friends and which left him in a somewhat crippled financial condition. In his youth,

therefore, John Hay accepted a position as newspaper carrier for the Warsaw Signal and his first literary productions, written when a boy, appeared in that paper, he being encouraged to do the work by its editor, the late Thomas Gray. Later, as before stated, he had the advantages of a course of study in Brown University, from which he was graduated in 1858, and there he was a general favorite with class-mates and instructors, promising, studious, quiet and reserved, yet exceedingly loyal and steadfast in friendship.

It was during his student days that he produced certain poems and writings which in later years made him a world-famed author, although it was not until several decades later that his innate modesty permitted him to give these writings to the public in published form. Mr. Hay was graduated from the university in 1858 with high rank in scholarship. During the period between his return from college and his entrance into public life his friends perceived in him an undercurrent of seriousness and religious enthusiasm. He had been reared in the Baptist church but had leanings toward the Presbyterian faith and he appeared to have entertained the idea of entering the ministry. At the time when his family wished him to become a student of law he said to one of his intimates "They would spoil a second class preacher to make a third class lawyer out of me." However, he fell in with the plan of studying law but before beginning his studies he passed sometime at Pittsfield, Illinois, where John Nicolay had a newspaper office. At this time he made the acquaintance of

General Clark E. Carr, who afterward served as minister to Denmark, and General Carr gives an account of their first meeting in his recently published book, *The Illini*. Describing a visit to Pittsfield and his meeting with Mr. Hay, General Carr writes: "A bright, rose-faced young man arose and greeted us. I had never seen a young man or boy who charmed me as he did when he looked at me with his mischievous hazel eyes from under a wealth of dark brown hair." He had just completed writing something at the time the party entered the newspaper office." Mr. Carr continues, "We all joined in urging him to read what he had written and he did so. I can give only the substance of the editorial from memory but I doubt whether its author ever wrote a better one when editing the *New York Tribune*."

John Hay took up the study of law in the office of his uncle, Milton Hay, one of the most distinguished attorneys that ever practiced at the bar of Illinois, and a law partner of Abraham Lincoln in his office at Springfield. Becoming a student in that office, Mr. Hay thus formed the acquaintance of the martyred president. The story of friendship has become a matter of history. The young man was invited to continue his law studies in Mr. Lincoln's office and he entered heartily into the work of supporting the Illinois presidential candidate during the campaign of 1860. That his effective service was appreciated by Mr. Lincoln is shown by the fact that on going to Washington the president invited Mr. Hay to become assistant secretary to John G. Nicolay, and from that time forward

he was the able assistant of Mr. Lincoln in important work having direct bearing upon the administration and the nation. He was entrusted with the bearing of messages too momentous to commit to paper. Although a warm admirer of President Lincoln, it was with a certain reluctance and regret that he had turned from law to enter politics, but the great leader of the Republican party had recognized his discernment, his judgment, his tact and discretion, and realized that his services might prove of utmost value to him in Washington. He was constantly with Mr. Lincoln in close conference throughout the four years of his administration save for the brief period when he served, more as the president's personal representative, on the staffs of Generals Hunter and Gilmore and was brevetted lieutenant colonel therefor. Speaking of this period in the life of Mr. Hay, Grandon Nevins has written "No man in the president's official household was more overworked than the young major. He slept when he could and ate when he had the chance, and when he was not at the front he lived at the White House always at the call of the president."

Mr. Hay was but twenty-six years of age at the time of Mr. Lincoln's death but so thoroughly had he proved his worth that it was decided to retain him in the employ of the government and he was sent abroad first as secretary of the legation at Paris under Minister Bigelow, in which capacity he served from 1865 until 1867, while during the succeeding year he was charge d' affaires in Vienna and later secretary of legation

at Madrid under Minister Sickles, where he served until 1870.

About this time Mr. Hay gave proof of public-spirited citizenship and lofty patriotism in refusing a very advantageous offer from Horace Greeley then editor of the New York Tribune, saying that he did not think it proper to turn his work over to other hands until it was completed. When he again found himself in his native country free to accept the proffered position extended by Mr. Greeley he became editorial writer for the New York Tribune. In the meantime, however, he was for a few months connected with the Springfield (Illinois) Journal, after which he succeeded Charles Dana as editor of the Republican at Chicago. For five years he was connected with the New York Tribune, where he demonstrated his right to rank with the leading journalists of the country and also as an author of considerable literary merits and ability. It was at this period in his career that he published the well known poems, Jim Bludso and Little Breeches, together with other verses which were given to the public under the title Pike County Ballads. His retirement from the Tribune was followed by his removal to Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for some years, and he declined a most remunerative position offered him as editor in chief of the New York Herald, then published by James Gordon Bennett. He was again for a brief period, however, actively connected with journalism, having charge of the New York Tribune in 1881, during a brief absence of Whitelaw Reid in Europe. Much of his time during fifteen years was devoted

to the compilation and writing, in collaboration with John G. Nicolay, of the volume entitled, *Abraham Lincoln, A History*, which is undoubtedly the most exhaustive, most accurate and authentic biography of the martyred president. As a financial venture it was a brilliant success and moreover, it will always remain the one authoritative work of the life of Abraham Lincoln. The writings of Mr. Hay have embraced a wide field, as he was the author of various works, political and otherwise, and many attribute to him the authorship of a novel which appeared anonymously in 1893 under the title of *The Bread Winners*. His influence as a journalist is immeasurable. In this field of labor, however, he became recognized as one of the master minds of the nation, a man of great erudition and learning, of broad investigation and original thought. He never looked at great questions effecting national and international relations from a narrow, contracted or partisan standpoint. He viewed the whole subject broadly and the correctness of his conclusions, time has demonstrated and wisdom has acknowledged.

From his retirement in Cleveland, Mr. Hay was called in 1879 to serve as assistant secretary of state under Evarts and continued in this office to the end of the administration. It was sixteen years later that he was again in political office, having, in March, 1897, been appointed by President McKinley ambassador to England. His diplomatic service is a matter of history. Perhaps one secret of his success lay in the fact that he recognized while handling the affairs of international importance he had to treat

with the individual and he displayed a courtesy and a deference for the opinions of others, while rigidly upholding his own honest convictions and views, that won for him the warmest personal regard and esteem. He managed international affairs during the Spanish-American war with a delicacy and tact combined with force and discretion that gained for the United States the support of England, while England held in check the other powers of the world. The then Prince of Wales, now reigning sovereign in England, recognized his great ability and power and accorded him not only admiration but strong personal friendship. Near the close of the Spanish-American war he returned to this country and became secretary of state in the cabinet of President McKinley, in which position he was continued by President Roosevelt, thus serving when stricken by death. Although he secured the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty brought about by reference of the most far-reaching question in the recent Venezuela dispute (priority in payment for a belligerent claimant) to the international court of The Hague and arranged for the peaceable adjustment of the Alaskan boundary question, he is known throughout the world principally for the breadth and foresight of his policy in Asia. His long experience in the diplomatic service coupled with his native abilities, his superior attainments and his wholesome humanity, of which he always possessed an abundant store, made him not only a valuable man to the nation but to all the world. He achieved much for his country but more for all mankind and raised

diplomacy out of the slough of deceit and hypocrisy, placing it upon the high plane of sincerity, integrity and plain dealing and relegating to things obsolete and detestable and precepts and maxims of Talleyrand, so long accepted as the essentials of the successful diplomat.

There were other phases in the life record of John Hay that perhaps were not so well known. While in Europe in the early days of his legation service he mastered the French language, which he spoke with fluency, and he became a linguist of such superiority that one of the leading educational institutions of America offered to him the chair of languages. He was always a man of studious habits and the breadth of his reading and the extent of his knowledge were marvelous but it was not these distinguishing characteristics alone which won for Mr. Hay the position which he held in public regard. There has been perhaps no man in Washington or in diplomatic circles more greatly loved because of his personal traits than John Hay. Nevins has said, "To know John Hay was to love him. His was one of those extremely sensitive natures, which, combined with firmness, go to make up the ideal man. Of all the ambassadors and ministers stationed at Washington, not one, from the Japanese minister, Mr. Takahira, to Mr. Takahira's deadly political enemy, Count Cassini, but was on terms of intimate friendship with the American secretary, and it was not merely these foreign diplomats who were drawn irresistibly toward this magnetic man, his cabinet associates, his subordinates in the state department, his social acquaintances—

every one—regarded him with deep affection. No man in all Washington was the object of more general affection than was Mr. Hay."

Reared in a home where all that is ideal in the family relation found exemplification, it was not surprising that John Hay, like his father, found his greatest source of pleasure at his own fireside. He was married in 1874 to Miss Clara L. Stone, a daughter of Amasa Stone, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, and his reply "All through life," to the question of a friend on the night of his bachelor dinner: "How long is the honeymoon going to last, Hay?" proved most true. The marriage was blessed with four children and those who knew Mr. Hay most intimately recognized the fact that his great sorrow over the death of his son, Adelbert, who was killed by falling from a window in New Haven on the eve of the Yale commencement, proved a blow from which he never recovered. He withdrew himself from social life from that time save when it was demanded in his official capacity. He spent his evenings with Mrs. Hay, between whom there existed a most ideal companionship. His daughter, Helen, is now the wife of Payne Whitney, while Alice is the wife of James W. Wadsworth, Jr., and it was to Mr. Hay a matter of great rejoicing that his daughters as he expressed it, "had been sought by two American princes of whose titles to nobility I am prouder than I would be of those that come from royal ancestry." For several months prior to his demise Secretary Hay was in ill health and sought relief through travel and med-

ical attendants in Europe. He returned to Washington to take up again the active work of the business of his department and the discussion with the president of important pending questions. But the tide of life was ebbing fast away and at his summer home on Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire, his labors were brought to a close on the first of July, 1905, when he was in the sixty-seventh year of his age. No man in public life perhaps has had so few enemies. Even those opposed to him politically entertained for him the warmest personal regard and admiration. It is said that he never forgot a friend; the playmates of his boyhood, the associates of his early manhood, those with whom he labored in diplomatic circles, in journalism, and in the department of state were alike remembered through all the years with their added responsibilities and honors. His life record finds embodiment in the words of Pope:

“Statesman, yet friend to truth; of soul sincere,  
In action faithful and in honor clear;  
Who broke no promise, served no private end,  
Who gained no title and who lost no friend.”

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#### HENRY WEBER.

Henry Weber, who for many years was an active, energetic and prosperous farmer of Hancock county, spent the last year

of his life in honorable retirement from labor in Carthage, passing away on the 23d of October, 1905. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of accomplished and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this man. Born in Appanoose township, Hancock county, on the 17th of September, 1858, he spent his entire life in this part of the state. His parents were Samuel and Rosa (Bertchi) Weber, both of whom were natives of Switzerland, coming to America about fifty years ago. The father, who was born in March, 1816, was a baker by trade, learning and following that pursuit in his native country, but in Hancock county he turned his attention to farming. He died about 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, his remains being interred in a cemetery in this county. Both he and his wife were devoted Christian people, holding membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. After the father's death the mother remained upon the home farm with her children until they were all married and then went to Fort Madison, Iowa, to live with one of her daughters. Eleven children survive the father, namely: Rosa, the wife of Charles Buerich, of Manier, Illinois; Fred, who is living in Denmark, Iowa; Carrie and Will, twins, the later living near Nauvoo, while the former is the wife of David Seguin, of Fort Madison, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of J. McKaig, of Fort Madison; Mary, the wife of Alva Cowles, of Fort Madison; Henry of this review; Albert, of Headlin, Missouri; Sophia, the wife of Herman Hess, of Neota, Illinois;

and John and Edith, twins, the former a resident of Lebanon, Nebraska, while the latter is the wife of Reuben Hummel, of Nauvoo.

Henry Weber of this review was educated in the district schools of Nauvoo, Illinois, and remained upon his father's farm until he had attained his majority. On the 3d of January, 1884, he was married to Miss Sarah Luella Thomas, who was born in Sonora township, Hancock county, February 23, 1855, a daughter of Isaac T. and Louisa (Nichols) Thomas, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. The father was a farmer and took up his abode in Hancock county, Illinois, about fifty-three years ago, settling on a tract of land in Sonora township, where for many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in 1899 and his remains were interred in that township. His widow, who is two years his junior, is living in Carthage, Illinois. Mr. Thomas was a democrat in politics and served as school director and in other local offices. He belonged to the Christian church, of which he was a deacon and elder and he was widely known as a worthy citizen, faithful in friendship and loyal to his home ties. He was a large landowner, prospering in his business undertakings until he had six hundred acres of land at the time of his death. Mrs. Thomas also belongs to the Christian church. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, of whom six are now living, namely: Lilburn Thaddeus, who married Elizabeth Honce, of Elvaston; Laura, a twin sister of Lilburn and now living with her mother; William Henry, who died in Feb-

ruary, 1904; Mrs. Sarah Luella Weber; Naomi Jane, who is with her mother; Martha Emily, the wife of Orville Honce, of Montebello township; James Harvey, also at home; George Milton, who died at the age of two and a half years; and Purliett, now deceased.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weber began their domestic life in Appanoose township, where they lived for a year and then removed to a farm in Montebello township, where they resided for five years. Later they spent a year and a half upon a farm west of Ferris, taking up their abode there in 1890 and making it their place of residence until 1904. He remodeled the house, built a fine barn and all the necessary outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and was always very successful in his business affairs. He raised stock quite extensively and this branch of his business proved profitable. Coming to Carthage in November, 1904, he retired from active life on account of ill health, having had to leave his farm for two seasons previous to this. He purchased a beautiful modern home on North Main street, where his widow now resides and there he spent his remaining days. He was in ill health for about four years prior to his death and was a great sufferer during the last year and a half. He died October 23, 1905, his remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Weber were born but two children, both born in Hancock county, namely: Grace May, the wife of Frank Thornberg, who is living on her father's old farm near Ferris; and Jessie Viola, the wife of Dr. Claude Thomas,



a practicing dentist of Keokuk, Iowa. They have one child, Lowell Weber Thomas.

Mr. Weber started out in life empty handed, his possessions consisting at the age of twenty-one years of but one horse. He possessed instead good mental and physical activity and his energies and labor brought to him gratifying success, making him one of the substantial citizens of the community. He was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any business transaction, but was straightforward and reliable in all his dealings and thus won the unqualified confidence of those with whom he was associated. He was a devoted member of the Christian church, in which his wife still holds membership and for a number of years he served as deacon of the church at Ferris. In politics he was a stalwart democrat and filled the positions of township trustee and road supervisor, while for several years he was a school director. A man of quiet and unobtrusive nature and at all times unostentatious in his demeanor, his genuine personal worth nevertheless gained him the esteem and honor of all with whom he was associated. He was interested in the welfare of the community, was a good neighbor, a kind husband and loving father. His name was above reproach, for his religious belief permeated his everyday life and actions. His word was as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal and he stood high in public estimation. He left behind an honored name and a memory that will long be cherished, not only by his immediate family but also by many who

knew him. Mrs. Weber still resides in her beautiful home in Carthage and in addition owns the old home farm and forty acres of good land in Sonora township.

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#### EUGENE ADRIAN WALLACE.

Eugene A. Wallace, one of the most enterprising and highly respected agriculturists of Durham township, is a native of Missouri. He was born in Knox county February 20, 1874, of the marriage of James H. and Nancy L. (Latimer) Wallace. Both parents were natives of Kentucky and the mother is still living in Missouri but the father passed away in 1873. He was a minister of the Christian church while living in Kentucky and his life was a potent influence for good in the various communities where he resided. In the family were four children: Ida E., the wife of Henry Childers, of Memphis, Missouri; Mary, deceased; Alvin E., of Chicago; and Eugene A., of this review.

In the public schools of Missouri Eugene A. Wallace acquired his education. He remained upon the home farm until nearly twenty-one years of age, his time being largely occupied with the duties and labors of the fields. After arriving at man's estate he was married on the 12th of September, 1900, to Miss Martha Byler, who was born March 24, 1871, in the house which is now her home. Her parents were Jacob and Martha (White) Byler. Her father was born

in McMinn county, Tennessee, February 23, 1830, and when but five years of age was brought to Illinois by his parents, who settled in Adams county. He was reared to the occupation of farming and at the age of twenty-four years came to Hancock county, taking up his abode on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of prairie land in Durham township, which he cleared. Here he built an attractive residence which he yet occupies, together with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. As the years passed his labors brought him a good financial return and, making further investment in property, he is now the owner of four hundred and forty acres of valuable land and his farm is one of the best in Durham township. He made many excellent improvements thereon and has long been known as an enterprising agriculturist and good citizen, as honest as the day is long. In his political views he is a stalwart democrat and he is a member of Dallas City Lodge, No. 235, also a member of Dallas Chapter, R. & S. M., as well as of the Council of Dallas City. All who know him esteem him for his genuine worth and he well deserves mention among the representative men of Hancock county. In 1896 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 4th of September of that year and was laid to rest in Union cemetery adjoining the home farm, which tract of land Mr. Byler deeded to the trustees for cemetery purposes. Unto this worthy couple were born nine children, of whom five are now living; William H., who resides near Wheeling, Missouri; Andrew J., of Dallas City; Laura, the wife of Adolph Herweg, a resident

of Nebraska; Sarah, the wife of Humbert Vass, of Durham township; and Mrs. Wallace.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wallace took up their abode upon her father's farm, for her mother had passed away and they took charge of the home and farm for the father. Mr. Wallace rents the land and he has made many improvements upon the property, which presents a splendid appearance, being one of the best farms of Durham township. Large and substantial outbuildings have been erected for the shelter of grain and stock and everything is in keeping with ideas of modern agricultural progress. He built a barn, sixty by seventy feet, for hay and cattle and also a hog house at an expense of three hundred dollars. This is one of the best in the county. Everything about the place is kept in neat and thrifty condition and Mr. Wallace is regarded as a most enterprising and successful farmer.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, but Beulah Viola, the eldest, who was born December 15, 1901, died September 13, 1902. Pearl Irene, born May 1, 1903, and Herman Le Roy, born November 28, 1905, are both living. All of the children were born in the same house where their mother's birth occurred. The parents are consistent and valued members of the Christian church and Mr. Wallace is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his political allegiance is given to the democracy. He occupies an enviable position in agricultural circles and has made a creditable record. Mr. Byler, the father of Mrs. Wallace, is a

self-made man, who in an early day paid about five hundred dollars for his farm. Neither Mr. Byler nor Mr. Wallace ever inherited anything of any consequence and the success of both gentlemen is due to their own energy, perseverance and capable management. They are highly esteemed in the community and both have a host of warm friends. Mr. Byler worked his way steadily upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence, being now recognized as a wealthy resident of the county, and Mr. Wallace is displaying the same sterling traits of character, which promise well for his future success.

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#### JACOB P. LA MONTE.

The stock raising interests of Hancock county find a worthy representative in Jacob P. La Monte, who is engaged in raising black Galloway cattle, good horses and Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs. His business interests are carefully conducted and he carries on general farming in addition to his stock interests. Mr. La Monte has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey, but yet gives active supervision to his business affairs. His birth occurred in Schoharie county, New York, in the town of Charlotteville, October 15, 1827, and he is a representative of one of the old families of the Empire state. His paternal grandparents were William and Jane (Stilwell) La Monte, who were born on Long Is-

land. The grandfather was a representative man, active and successful in business. He followed merchandising, also owned and operated a water mill and dealt in land. He also held various prominent official positions in the county in which he lived and was a very influential resident of his section of Long Island, where his death occurred. His wife belonged to one of the most representative families of that island. Their son, Thomas W. La Monte, was born in New York and having arrived at years of maturity was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Payne, likewise a native of that state and a daughter of Jacob and Lucy (Austin) Payne, natives of New York and of New England respectively. The maternal grandfather was a farmer by occupation. He held membership in the Baptist church and was a strong temperance man and was recognized in his community especially in those lines of activity resulting in intellectual and moral progress. All of the grandparents of Mr. La Monte of this review, as well as his parents, lie buried at Charlotteville, New York.

Jacob P. La Monte is the eldest in a family of six sons and seven daughters. His brother, George, who was engaged in paper manufacturing in New York, invented the safety banking paper and now has a large establishment in New York city. Four sons and three daughters of the family are yet living.

In the state of his nativity Mr. La Monte of this review spent his boyhood days and acquired a district-school education. He began teaching when only seventeen years of age and followed the pro-

fession for four years during the winter seasons and for one summer term. Subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits upon the farm which he had purchased in the town of Davenport in Delaware county, New York, comprising two hundred and twenty-seven acres of land. There he carried on farming for some time, but at length traded his property and made a sale, for he had come to the west in 1854 and decided to locate in Montebello township, Hancock county, Illinois. Here he took up his abode in 1855. He traded his property in the east for five buggies and one two horse carriage and in the spring of 1856 all these were shipped to Keokuk, where he sold all of them with the exception of one which he kept for several years for his own use and then disposed of it for more than he gave for it. On coming to Hancock county he invested in one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wythe township which he afterward sold, but he has acquired more land from time to time in Montebello township until he has five hundred acres in all, the entire amount lying within the city limits of Hamilton. Upon his farm in Wythe township he had the best orchard in that part of the county and in 1875 he set out an orchard of apples and peaches, covering thirty acres. He carries on general farming and in addition is quite extensively engaged in stock raising, making a specialty of horses, black Galloway cattle and Duroc Jersey and Poland China hogs. He is thoroughly familiar with the best methods of cultivating the soil and raising stock and his business interests have been so carefully conducted that although he

started out in life empty handed he is now one of the substantial citizens of his adopted county.

On the 9th of March, 1848, Mr. La Monte was married to Miss Elizabeth Ruth Hinman, who was born in Delaware county, New York, and was educated in Cazenovia Seminary of that state. Her parents were Amos and Electa (Clark) Hinman, natives of New York, the former a son of Titus Hinman and the latter a daughter of David Clark, both of New York state. There was one child born unto Mr. and Mrs. La Monte, Wellington, whose birth occurred in 1851 and who died in Hamilton in 1893. The wife and mother died about 1871 and in January, 1877, Mr. La Monte married Cecelia Wiggenton, who was born in La-Grange, Lewis county, Missouri, and was educated in a convent in St. Louis. She was one of the finest musicians in this part of the country. At the time of her marriage to Mr. La Monte she was a widow and had one son, Weston Atwood, who is now engaged in the lumber business in the city of Oklahoma. She died about fourteen years ago.

Mr. La Monte exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has, however, held office in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a devoted and loyal member. He has acted as steward of the church and for about ten or fifteen years was superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has lived a life of uprightness and honor and therefore can look back over the past without regret. Few men of his

years continue actively in business, but in spirit and interests he seems yet in his prime and possesses much of the vigor and enterprise of many a man of much younger years.

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### WILLIAM A. BIDEAUX.

William A. Bideaux, who is engaged in farming in Durham township, in which locality he was born in 1868, is a son of Francis and Catherine (Whistler) Bideaux and in the paternal line comes of Scotch ancestry. The father was born in Stark county, Ohio, December 26, 1838, and was married on the 5th of October, 1862, to Catherine Whistler. He was a carpenter by trade and took up his abode in Hancock county over a half century ago. For a long period he was identified with building operations but in his later life he carried on farming, making his home in Durham township. There his death occurred on the 9th of January, 1895. He was an honest, upright man, possessing the confidence and trust of all who knew him. Conscious that death was approaching, he made his peace with God and bade adieu to friends and family. He was a loving husband, a good father and a kind hearted neighbor and he left behind an example that is in many respects well worthy of emulation. Mrs. Bideaux still survives her husband and is a resident of Rock Creek township. In the family were eight children: Della, now the wife of Thomas Shaw, of Dallas

township; Emma, the wife of William Worden, of Fort Madison, Iowa; William A., of this review; Frank, who is living in Utah; Kate, the wife of Lemuel Bartlett, of Durham township; Jacob and French, both of whom are residents of Dallas City; and Lina, who was the wife of Carl Mendenhall, of Colusa, and died in January, 1905, her remains being interred in Myers cemetery. There were two children of that marriage, Carl and Catherine, and they and their father now live with Mrs. Bideaux, mother of our subject.

William A. Bideaux was educated in Durham township as a public-school student and assisted in the work of the home farm until after he had attained his majority. As a companion and help-mate for life's journey he chose Miss Henrietta Harris, whom he wedded October 9, 1892. She was born in Durham township in 1874, a daughter of Eusebius and Rebecca (Avery) Harris, both of whom were natives of Illinois and now residents of Monmouth, this state. Manford Harris, the oldest brother of Eusebius Harris, was a soldier of the Civil war and her grandfather Avery was in the war of 1844 when the Mormons were expelled from Hancock county. Eusebius Harris followed farming in Durham township, this county, until 1901, when he practically retired from business life but now conducts a barber supply house in Monmouth. He has voted the republican ticket since the organization of the party and in this county was recognized as a most worthy and respected citizen. Unto him and his wife were born four children: Cora, at home; Mrs.

Bideaux; Guy, who is living near Adrian, Illinois; and Bertram, of Monmouth.

Mr. Bideaux spent the first two years of his married life as a farmer near Colusa and after a residence of several years upon various farms he located in Durham township in 1899 and has since made his home here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bideaux have been born three children: Lawrence, who was born in Pilot Grove in 1893; Virgil, in Dallas township in 1896; and Cecil, in Durham township in 1899.

Mr. Bideaux exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. He and his wife have worked together persistently and energetically in order to make a start in life and gain a comfortable competence and the qualities which they have displayed are such as commend them to the confidence and good will of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

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#### GEORGE A. TRAUTVETTER.

George A. Trautvetter is a retired farmer residing in Warsaw and he has valuable and extensive landed possessions, which are an indication of his well spent, active and honorable business life. He derives therefrom a handsome income that enables him now to put aside further business cares and to enjoy in quiet the fruits of his former toil. A native of Germany, he was born in Saxony on the 16th of August, 1842, a son of John

George and Sophia Elizabeth (Derle) Trautvetter, who were likewise natives of Germany, whence they sailed for America in 1853, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, on the 3d of July, after forty-nine days spent upon the water as passengers on one of the old-time sailing vessels. The father was a miller by trade, and making his way from the east into the interior of the country, he settled on section 3, Rocky Run township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he resided continuously until June, 1870. He then returned to his native country for a visit and there died in the fall of 1871, his remains being interred at Rota, Germany. His wife, who was born in 1808, passed away in this county at the age of seventy-seven years and was buried in Tioga, Walker township, cemetery. Mr. Trautvetter was seventy-one years of age at the time of his demise, his birth having occurred in 1799. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are living: John M., a resident of Walker township; George A.; and Theodore Frederick, who lives on section 3, Rocky Run township.

George A. Trautvetter was a lad of about eleven years when he came with his parents to the new world and his education, which was begun in the fatherland, was continued in the schools of Rocky Run township, and of Warsaw. He remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority, as did his two brothers, and he assisted in the farm work, early becoming familiar with the duties of field and meadow. In March, 1865, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations and, responding to the call of his adopted country for

aid, he joined the Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was attached to the army corps commanded by General Sherman. He followed that intrepid leader during his last campaigns and was under his command in the grand review in Washington. Mr. Trautvetter afterward went to Fort Leavenworth and was mustered out in Kansas, subsequent to which time he returned to Hancock county.

In 1863 Mr. Trautvetter had learned the saddler's trade in Quincy, and for a time he followed that pursuit in Warsaw but subsequently he again took up his abode upon his father's farm, where he remained until the 26th of January, 1869. That was his wedding day, Miss Anna E. Shildman becoming his wife. She was born in Germany, January 23, 1848, and in 1858 came with her parents to America. Her father was a carpenter by trade but after crossing the Atlantic turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in Walker township, Hancock county. Later he lived in Rocky Run township for a time but his last days were spent in Walker township. In the family were five children, of whom three are living: Mrs. Trautvetter; Hannah, the wife of Theodore F. Trautvetter; and Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Wemhaner, of Warsaw.

Following his marriage Mr. Trautvetter of this review, in 1867, purchased the old home place from his father and there lived until March 9, 1906, when he purchased his present beautiful residence in Warsaw and took up his abode in the city. For many years he had carefully carried on general agricultural pursuits and capably managed his business interests, and

as the result of his enterprise, diligence and persistent effort, acquired a goodly measure of success. As the years passed he embraced his opportunities for judicious investments in land and now owns over six hundred acres, from which he derives a splendid income.

On the 10th of September, 1903, Mr. and Mrs. Trautvetter celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his residence upon the home farm, to which he had gone with his parents in 1853. He still owns the five acres, also another farm of one hundred and forty acres and a third one of ninety-five acres. His realty possessions include tenement houses in Warsaw beside his own residence. Unto him and his wife have been born six children, four of whom were born in the home which he erected in 1874 to replace the log cabin which had been built by his father and which was destroyed by fire in May of that year. The family record is as follows: Theodore N., the eldest, born March 2, 1870, married Matilda Woolbrink, and lives in Warsaw. Elizabeth, born January 22, 1872, was married in 1890 to Fred Harold, a farmer living north of Hamilton; Anna Sophia, born September 9, 1874, was married in 1895 to John Nagel, an agriculturist of Wythe township and they now have two children, Malinda and George Truman Kolatzky Nagel. Henry Herman, born October 9, 1876, has since 1904 been living in Omaha, where he is running an electric car. Lillie Frances, born September 11, 1879, is the wife of Harry Elder, who resides two and a half miles north of Elderville, Illinois. William

Adolph, born August 29, 1882, is a graduate of the Gen City Business College of Quincy, of the class of 1905, and is now a student in the medical college at Valparaiso, Indiana. The children have all been given good educational privileges, and Theodore N. was also a graduate of the Gem City Business College, while later he attended a college in Omaha to learn shorthand, banking, etc. He is now in partnership with Mr. Sharp as a dealer in grain and stock at Warsaw.

In his political views Mr. Trautvetter is a stalwart republican and has been honored with several positions of public trust. He served for twelve years as school director, was for ten years levee commissioner and for three years highway commissioner. He and his wife, who has indeed been a most faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey, are members of the Evangelical church. The many comforts which they are now able to enjoy in their home have been gained through their own labors and careful management. The business record of Mr. Trautvetter should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished by determined effort when guided by sound judgment and characterized by honorable dealing.

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#### ERASTUS A. HAZEN.

Erastus A. Hazen is the owner of valuable farming interests and in connection

with the tilling of the soil engages in raising Poland China hogs, Shropshire sheep and cattle, displaying excellent business ability in the management of his farm and his stock. A native of Ohio, he was born in Trumbull county on the 25th of January, 1843, and is a representative of old New England families. His paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Hazen, was a native of Connecticut, while the father, James B. Hazen, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. The latter, having arrived at years of maturity, was married at Brookfield, Trumbull county, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Coon, who was born in Easton, Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of William and Catherine (De Forest) Coon, of New Jersey. Mr. Hazen was a cabinet maker and undertaker and resided in Brookfield, Ohio, until 1852, when he removed to Pike county, Illinois, where he engaged in business on his own account. There he remained for five years and in 1857 he came to Hancock county, Illinois, purchasing and trading his property in Pike county for sixty acres in Sonora township. This was timber and prairie land, all unimproved. He turned the first furrows in the fields and began the task of cultivating a farm, whereon he lived until his death. His wife afterward sold the property and bought a farm in Montebello township, where her last days were passed.

Erastus A. Hazen, the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, of whom four were daughters, was educated in the public schools of Youngstown, Ohio, was for five years a student at Perry, Pike county, Illinois, and con-



tinued his studies in the district schools of Sonora township, Hancock county. He remained at home until eighteen years of age, when his patriotic spirit was aroused and he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Mississippi and he participated in the attack at Chickasaw Bayou, where the Union troops were repulsed. He was afterward in the battle at Arkansas Post and subsequently went to Young's Point and to Vicksburg, where he engaged in digging the canal through a long stretch of wet land. The following spring the troops proceeded to Richmond, Louisiana, making their way to the Perkins plantation. Soon the battle of Grand Gulf followed, after which they proceeded to Bruins' Landing, crossing the river on gun boats. There they procured three days rations, which was all they received for eighteen days. On the succeeding day they fought the battle of Thompson's Hill or Port Gibson, and they were in numerous skirmishes. For two days they were at Raymond with Pemberton and they camped at Edwards depot. The following day they attacked the rebels at Black river bridge and captured the fortifications. On the succeeding day they made a charge upon Vicksburg and invested the city. When two days had passed they returned and fortified Black river, at which point the regiment to which Mr. Hazen belonged was mounted and did cavalry duty from that time on. They were engaged in scouting and Mr. Hazen was in the second battle of Jackson, after

which he returned to Vicksburg and later was transferred to the gulf department. At Grand Cateau Bayou they were attacked by the enemy and three hundred of the Union troops were taken prisoners, but Mr. Hazen fortunately was not among the number. With the remainder of the command he returned to Vermillion, where a battle ensued and Captain Arthur Marsh, who was commanding the regiment, was killed. The Union troops withdrew from the field and the rebels followed. After a time the Union forces turned upon their pursuers and sixty of the members of the Confederate army were captured. When the war was over Mr. Hazen received an honorable discharge at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 13th of October, 1865, and returned to his old home. He was a brave and loyal soldier, displaying valor equal to that of many a veteran of twice his years. He experienced the usual hardships, privations and dangers meted out to the soldier and his military record was altogether a very creditable one.

After living with his parents for a year following the close of the war Mr. Hazen was married in the fall of 1866 to Miss Mary A. Layman, who was born in Delaware county Ohio, a daughter of Elias and Eva (Wolford) Layman, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hazen have been born seven children, but Elsie, the fourth in order of birth, died in infancy. The others are: Almon L., who is a mail clerk on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, running from Chicago to Quincy, married Lulu Radcliff and lives in Quincy; Eldred E., residing in

Wythe township; Gissella, who married Clarence C. Outhier, of Okeene, Oklahoma; Ethie L., the wife of Delancey Higby, who resides on section 5, Montebello township; Eva O., and Zella, both at home.

Following his marriage Mr. Hazen lived for one year in Montebello township upon his father-in-law's place and then leased one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the southeast quarter of section 3, Montebello township. Six years later he removed to Clark county, Missouri, where he remained for a year and on returning to this township he bought eighty acres on section 4, which was improved. He has rebuilt the house, which now contains ten rooms and cellar. He has also added sheds to the barns and has made many other substantial improvements. Two years after making the first purchase he added forty acres to his farm and four years later sixty acres. Subsequently with his son, Eldred E., he bought eighty acres in Wythe township and he now owns one hundred and eighty acres of rich prairie land and ten acres of timber land, while his wife owns sixty acres of prairie and ten acres of timber. Mr. Hazen carries on general farming in addition to which he raises Poland China hogs. He also has on hand sixty head of Shropshire sheep and good cattle.

In his political views Mr. Hazen is an earnest republican believing firmly in the principles of the party, yet never seeking office. He belongs to Russell post, No. 86, G. A. R., at Hamilton, Illinois, which he joined on its organization, and he takes much pleasure in meeting with his old army comrades. When the grand review

occurred in Washington in 1865 a banner swung across Pennsylvania avenue bore the words, "The only debt which our nation cannot pay is the national debt which she owes her soldiers" and each year emphasizes the truth of this remark as the number of the veterans is growing less and less and the feeling of gratitude increases. In times of peace Mr. Hazen has been equally loyal in citizenship and has ever been deeply and helpfully interested in community affairs.

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#### ZEBDIAH WARD.

Zebdiah Ward, now deceased, was born in the state of New York, March 20, 1816, and resided there until he reached early manhood. He afterward accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana, where he lived for several years, subsequent to which time he came to Illinois, settling in Danville, Vermilion county. He was a wagon maker by trade and followed that pursuit after his arrival in this state. He removed from Vermilion to Hancock county, locating at Webster, where he resided for about fifteen years, continuing to work at his trade during that period. He next purchased the farm on which his widow now resides, making investment in this property in May, 1854. The farm comprises sixty acres of rich and productive land, which he improved, erecting thereon buildings and adding other modern equipments and accessories. Mr. Ward engaged in the

tilling of the soil from that time forward until his death, and as the years passed he prospered in his undertakings.

On the 13th of January, 1848, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ward and Miss Arzilla Wright, a daughter of Hickerson and Cynthia (Donnoho) Wright. The parents were both natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Tennessee, and from that state came to Illinois in May, 1834, settling in Hancock county among its early residents. They lived one half mile north of Webster in Fountain Green township, where Mr. Wright entered land from the government and developed a farm, residing thereon until his death, which occurred when he had reached the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He was a democrat in his political views. His wife had passed away many years before. In the family are twelve children, seven of whom are living. The family record is as follows: Mrs. Ward is the eldest. Seabern A., born October 9, 1824, is a farmer residing in Fountain Green township. Seneta D., born October 19, 1826, was a prominent farmer of the same township but is now deceased. Martha E., who was born September 14, 1828, has passed away. Patrick W., born August 28, 1830, is also deceased. Bazil, born August 16, 1832, died at the age of sixteen years. Henry D., born July 27, 1834, is living in California. Thomas G., born May 9, 1836, has departed this life. Letha J., born March 14, 1838, Charles G., born June 21, 1840, and Cynthia A., born September 30, 1844, are all living. The youngest of the family died in infancy.

Mrs. Ward was born in Smith county, Tennessee, September 24, 1822, and was nine years of age when her parents left that state and removed to Hopkins county, Kentucky, where they lived for three years. They then came to Illinois in May, 1834. She obtained her education in the early subscription schools of the county and remained at home until her marriage. She became the mother of three children, two of whom are living. Wright, the eldest, a farmer now residing in Arkansas, married Elizabeth Prior and they have one daughter, Cora, who is now the wife of Sanford Francis, by whom she has three children. Mark Ward, a farmer residing near Memphis, Missouri, wedded Letha A. Thurber and they have one daughter, Fay. Lorinda became the wife of Benton Alton and died at the age of forty-four years, leaving a daughter, Anna B.

The death of Mr. Ward occurred February 26, 1895, when he was almost eighty years of age, and his remains were interred in Middle Creek cemetery. He voted with the democracy, held membership in the Christian church and was one of the progressive men of his day. His life period covered the greater part of the nineteenth century during which time he witnessed many changes, including the building of the railroads, the introduction of the telegraph and telephone and the reclamation of the wild lands of the west for the purposes of civilization. He did his full share in the work of public progress and improvement in this county and was known as one of its most prominent pioneer citizens. Mrs. Ward still survives her husband and lives

upon the old farm homestead. She too, is a representative of one of the oldest families of the county and no history of this section of the state would be complete without mention of her.

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#### LEE SMITH.

Lee Smith, of Colusa, a son of William and Mary Ann (Drauch) Smith, was born in Pennsylvania April 7, 1863. His parents were also natives of the Keystone state and the father is a farmer living in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife died in 1870. They were the parents of four children, of whom three are now living: Lee, of this review; Anes, a resident of Tioga county, Pennsylvania; and Ephraim, also living in Pennsylvania.

Lee Smith was educated in the district schools of his native state. When his mother died the children of the family went to live in various homes of the neighborhood and his early opportunities were accordingly somewhat limited. After his school days were over he worked by the month as a farm hand for about four years and was afterward employed in the lumber regions of the northern part of the state for four years. On the 22d of July, 1890, he arrived in Colusa and through the succeeding year was employed by Henry Howard.

On New Year's eve (December 31, 1890) Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mrs. Flora Wildrick, who was born

in Pontoosuc township, Hancock county, September 14, 1864, a daughter of John and Mary (Littlefiar) Robinson. Her father was a native of New Jersey and her mother was born in Durham county, England, in 1822 and came to America in 1852. The year 1856 witnessed the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson in Hancock county, and the father began farming in Pontoosuc township, where he also purchased a mill, carrying on his dual occupation until his death, which occurred in 1873, when he was fifty-nine years of age. He was a democrat in politics and a worthy citizen, progressive in public affairs and reliable in business. Unto John and Mary Robinson were born two children, of whom Mrs. Smith is the surviving member of the family. Her mother was twice married and by her first husband, Peter Kelly, had four children, of whom two are living: Mary C., the wife of James Creswell, of Davenport, Iowa; William, died at Davenport, September 1, 1906; and Michael R., of Adrian, Illinois.

Flora Robinson, reared to womanhood in this county, gave her hand in marriage, in 1882, to Henry C. Wildrick, who was born in Dallas township on a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 35, which is now the property of Mrs. Smith and where she and her husband still reside. Mr. Wildrick was a son of George and Abigail (King) Wildrick, well known and representative farming people of their community. Henry C. Wildrick was a republican in his political faith and held a number of township offices, to which he was called by the vote of his fellow citizens, who recognized his

worth and ability. He died September 28, 1889, respected by all who knew him, and his remains were interred in Pleasant Hill cemetery. In his business affairs he was industrious and enterprising. He always lived upon the old home farm of the family, and in the care of his property displayed sound judgment and keen discrimination. Moreover he was thoroughly reliable in all trade transactions and commanded the confidence and trust of all with whom he came in contact. He left two children, Roxie Merle and George Clayton, the latter, now nineteen years of age, at home. The daughter died February 19, 1906, at the age of twenty-three years, and her remains were laid to rest by the side of her father. She passed away after three weeks of the most intense suffering, occasioned by a clot of blood under the knee. All that money, professional skill and loving hands could do was in vain in staying the hand of the grim reaper and this beautiful young lady, the only daughter of Mrs. Smith, passed from this life. She was a most beautiful character, living a life in harmony with the Christian spirit, and remaining firm and steadfast in the faith of the church in which she held membership. Hers was a happy disposition and sunshiny nature. She could readily adapt herself to any circumstance or condition and this trait made her beloved by all with whom she came in contact. On Saturday an operation was performed and on Monday afternoon she passed away, perfectly resigned and happy, bidding mother, father and brother goodby with undimmed eyes, and making all arrangements for her funeral, selecting

the following friends to act as pall bearers: Maggie Bailey, Daisy Lamb, Hope Vass, Orpha H. Jamison, Virgie Owings, and Maude Jacobs. Six gentlemen acted as honorary pall bearers: Roscoe Gracey, Fred Swanson, Bern Bass, Clarence Jenkinson, George Hubbard and Clark Jacobs. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. King who paid a beautiful and deserved tribute to one who was so loved and faithful in her home, church, Sunday-school and social circles, where she is greatly missed. Rev. King said: "There is no death for such an experience as hers, and as it is the law of Nature that the fairest and worthiest forms of life shall most surely survive, so we feel that a life, so manifestly sprung from God, and nurtured by him as this, cannot die but still survives in a still higher development in the beautiful paradise of God, by the power of divine right to be and live forever and by the pledge of the loving Saviour, who conquered through faith that we may have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city." The death of Roxie Merle Wildrick cast a gloom throughout the entire community but her memory will long be cherished in the hearts of all who knew her and the remembrance of her loving deeds, kind ways and many acts of thoughtfulness will be a blessing for years to come to her mother and the other members of the family.

By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith there has been born a son William Reine, born in Dallas township, December 8, 1896, and now in school. The residence now occupied by Mr. and Mrs.

Smith and their family was erected by her former husband, who made many improvements upon the place, which he inherited from his father. Mr. Smith continues the work of development and cultivation along lines of modern agricultural progress and is an enterprising business man. His political allegiance is given the democracy and he is a member of the Hancock County Mutual Insurance Association and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a member of the Dutch Reformed church in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Smith is an intelligent, cultured lady and in the community where they reside this worthy couple have many warm friends.

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#### MATTHEW MASON JOHNSON.

Matthew Mason Johnson, deceased, was a stockman who, prospering in his undertakings, was accounted one of the enterprising business men of Carthage and his activity in public affairs made him a citizen of value, so that his death, which occurred on the 7th of April, 1906, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret among his many friends in Hancock county. He was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1843, his parents being John T. and Maria (Wright) Johnson. The grandfather, the great-grandfather and the great-great-grandfather, were all soldiers of the Revolutionary war and the same spirit of loyalty and military ardor was displayed by various cousins of our

subject in the Civil war, while his brother, J. N. Johnson, was a soldier of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry during the last year of the strife between the north and the south, being stationed most of the time at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

John T. Johnson was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1813, and his wife was born about eight miles from St. Louis, Missouri, in 1818. He was a farmer by occupation and on coming to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1839, settled near St. Mary. He had to clear the land in order to have space enough on which to build a log cabin. He was the first man to move onto the prairie, for the pioneers in those days always settled near the timber. As the years passed he improved his property, building a fine barn, good sheds and a modern residence. As the years passed he prospered, becoming one of the most extensive land owners of the county and when he died, in 1883, his possessions aggregated eighteen hundred acres of land now worth one hundred dollars per acre. His wife died in 1898 and they sleep side by side in the cemetery at St. Mary. Mr. Johnson was a republican who held various township offices, for his fellow citizens recognized his worth and ability and thus gave evidence of their confidence in him. They were believers in the Baptist faith and Mr. Johnson held various offices in the church. Their family numbered eight children, of whom five are yet living: Matthew M.; Hiram B. and Joseph T., both residents of Plymouth, Illinois; J. N., who is living on the old family homestead; and Aurilla, the wife of J. W. Botts, who resides upon

the prairie farm which was originally owned by her parents.

Matthew M. Johnson attended the public schools of St. Mary and was afterward a student in Abingdon (Illinois) Hedding's College. Before attaining his majority he was married, in 1863, to Miss Mary Bacon, who was born in 1843 in McDonough county, Illinois, a daughter of Larkin and Honor (Durbin) Bacon. Her parents were of southern extraction, the father born in Tennessee and the mother in Kentucky. Mr. Bacon came to Illinois at a very early day, settling on a farm in McDonough county in 1834. It was wild and uncultivated land but he converted it into a productive farm and there he died in 1877, having for several years survived his wife, who passed away in February, 1864. Both were buried near Hill's Grove in McDonough county. Isaac Bacon, the paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Johnson, was a Revolutionary soldier and Joseph Barnes Bacon, her grandfather, was a captain in a Tennessee regiment in the war of 1812. Her father was an unfaltering advocate of democracy, but though always loyal to the party, never aspired to public office. He and his wife held membership in the Methodist church, in which he served as steward, while for many years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school, filling that office at the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon had ten children, of whom eight reached adult age, while five still survive, namely: Mrs. Johnson; Sarah, who is the widow of Judge Tunnicliff, of Macomb, Illinois, and now resides at No. 6018 Jackson Park avenue, Chicago; Dr. Joseph B. Bacon, a surgeon

of St. Francis Hospital of Macomb, Illinois; James H. Bacon, president of the Pacific Coast Trust Company of San Francisco, California; and Harvey M. Bacon, vice president of the Pacific Coast Trust Company with offices at No. 708 Market street, San Francisco. The father prospered in business and at his death left fourteen hundred and thirty-six acres of land.

Mrs. Johnson was a student in Hedding College at Abingdon, Illinois, at the same time Mr. Johnson attended there. They had been reared within six miles of each other, but it was in their college days that their friendship ripened into love and was followed by marriage. They began their domestic life on the old Deming farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which was given Mr. Johnson by his father and which is still in possession of the family. There they resided for seventeen years, after which they spent two years in Hill's Grove, but later returned to St. Mary and purchased and improved another farm, whereon they resided until 1893. In that year they took up their abode in Carthage. Mr. Johnson purchasing a pretty home at the corner of Walnut and Washington streets. After his removal to the city he engaged in business as a stockman, buying and selling cattle on an extensive scale. He also belonged to the Cattle Exchange and his business interests were carefully conducted and netted him a very gratifying profit.

Mr. Johnson was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the Seventy-first Illinois Infantry. For a time he was in the hospital at Cairo. Although reared in the

republican faith he was independent in his political views. He served as supervisor, school director and road trustee and several years ago acted as alderman of Carthage for two years. His name was on the membership rolls of the Masonic fraternity, the Modern Woodmen camp and the Grand Army Post, of all of which he was a worthy representative. His widow is one of the charter members and a director of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps and to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were devoted members of the Methodist church, in which he held all of the offices. Mrs. Johnson was a steward in the church for twelve years, or until she reared a son to take her place.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born four children, of whom three are now living: Drenon M., born in Hancock county, July 4, 1864, is a farmer of this county. He married Miss Ella A. Cannon, of this county, December 28, 1887, and has a daughter, Ruth M. John Bacon, born March 4, 1866, in this county, is a stockman and cattle feeder, carrying on business near Carthage. He was married to Stella Walker, of this county, October 18, 1894. Damon J., born January 11, 1872, is a real estate dealer of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He was graduated from the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, in 1892, and on returning to Carthage read law with Berry Brothers and Judge Mack. In 1898, he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war in the Fiftieth Iowa Infantry. He became a corporal and served for seven months. In 1899

he enlisted in the Thirty-second United States Volunteers and went to the Philippines, where he remained for two years, being mustered out as sergeant, May 9, 1901. He was wounded in the knee at the first battle of Angeles and was in the hospital for a long time. Mr. Johnson was a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Illinois, as is his wife. Their respective parents were in limited circumstances on coming to this state but by wise investment in land and carefully directed business affairs became wealthy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had a wide acquaintance in Hancock county and were gladly received in those homes where intelligence and culture are accepted as the passports into good society. When called to his final rest the funeral services were conducted at his home in Carthage by his pastor, Rev. Edwards, of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian church. At the conclusion of the services the remains, escorted by the Masonic lodge and Alexander Sympson post, G. A. R., were conveyed to Moss Ridge cemetery, the interment being made under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Johnson was highly respected throughout the county, where he had a wide acquaintance and all who knew him gave him their friendship and regard. While taking an active part in politics and holding radical views on many of the questions of the day, he probably had as few political enemies as any man of equal political prominence. As a citizen he was public spirited and his co-operation could be counted upon for the betterment of conditions in municipal and county affairs. His life was



upright and honorable, characterized by high moral principles and many admirable qualities, by a benevolent spirit and humanitarian disposition. All who knew him recognized his many good traits of character, but his best qualities were reserved for his own home and fireside, where he was a most devoted husband and father.

## OBITUARY.

Matthew Mason Johnson, son of the late John T. and Maria Johnson, was born July 7, 1843, near Urbana, Ohio, and died April 7, 1906, aged sixty-two years and nine months.

He came with his parents in infancy to a farm in St. Mary's township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he resided until 1893, when he became a resident of Carthage, Illinois.

He was married to Mary A. Bacon, of Hills Grove, McDonough county, Illinois, on October 27, 1863. To this union were born four sons: Drenon M. and John B., of this city; Damon J., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and George L., who died in infancy. The widow, three sons, one granddaughter, three brothers, Hiran, Joseph and Nelson, one sister, Mrs. Orilla Botts and many other relatives and friends mourn his departure.

He was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at St. Marys, Illinois, in the year 1871, of which church he remained a member until he transferred his membership to the Methodist Episcopal church of Carthage.

A few weeks before his death he ex-

pressed his belief that his time on earth was drawing to a close and that he was prepared to meet his God. While on a visit to the old neighborhood with his brothers and sister, he died very suddenly at the home of his brother, Nelson.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Carthage, "Grand Army of the Republic" and the Modern Woodmen of America.

The funeral was held at the residence Monday at 2 p. m., conducted by Rev. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by Rev. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

At the conclusion of the services the remains, escorted by the Masonic lodge and Alexander Sympton Post, G. A. R., of this city, were conveyed to Moss Ridge and placed in the vault, the last sad rites being conducted by the Masons.

The floral offerings were very profuse and beautiful, noticeable among them being a wheel with one felloe missing from the Stockman's club of this city of which deceased was an honored member. He carried \$4,000 insurance, \$2,000 in the Modern Woodmen of America and \$2,000 in the Banker's Life of Des Moines, Iowa.

Deceased was a man highly respected all over the county, throughout which he had a wide acquaintance and his friends were limited only by his acquaintances. While taking an active part in politics and was rather radical in his views, he had probably as few political enemies as any man of equal political prominence. As a citizen he was public-spirited and in speech and in deeds was always consistently in favor of any movement look-

ing to the betterment of conditions in municipal or county affairs.

He was a man of clean morals and possessed many admirable qualities, always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need and as a husband and father was an example worthy of emulation, and the entire community mourns with the sorrowing family in the loss sustained through his death.

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### JOHN S. COCHRAN.

John S. Cochran, editor and proprietor of the Hancock County Journal, which is the largest paper published in the county, has since 1894 been thus connected with the newspaper interests of Carthage, where he is also conducting a good job printing establishment. He is one of the native sons of the county seat, born March 14, 1873, his parents being L. B. and Emily (Symonds) Cochran. The father was born in Kentucky in 1844 and the mother's birth occurred in New Hampshire in 1846. At a very early day Mr. Cochran came to Hancock county and for a long period was identified with business interests in Carthage as a merchant. He enlisted in Company D of the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment in the Civil war and served throughout the period of hostilities, taking part in a number of important engagements, the most sanguinary of which was the battle of Missionary Ridge. For a time he was engaged in recruiting service in Hancock county. In his political affiliation Mr. Cochran has

always been a stalwart republican and for twelve years served as postmaster of Carthage, beginning about 1870. Before their marriage both he and his wife were teachers in the first public school in Carthage and the building is still standing on Wabash avenue and Fayette street. In his fraternal relations Mr. Cochran is a Mason and passed all of the chairs in the local lodge. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. Her parents were Rev. Frederick and Abbie Symonds, the former a minister of the gospel, while he and his family were among the founders of the Presbyterian church in Carthage. In the family of Rev. Symonds were seven children, five of whom are now living: Sarah, the widow of J. W. Hawley, of Holton, Kansas; Edwin, who died in Chicago about a year ago, his family, however, still living in this county; Mary, the widow of J. W. Hawley, who was congressman from the old fourteenth, or Rock Island, district of Illinois and was comptroller of currency at Washington during the Hayes administration. His widow is now living in Omaha, Nebraska. Emily S. is the wife of L. B. Cochran. Judge W. A. Symonds is living in Carthage. A. F. Symonds makes his home in Peabody, Kansas, and John died while serving in the Civil war as a member of the regiment commanded by Major McClaughrey. Unto Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cochran were born four children: Mary, the wife of Professor R. C. Crum, of Quincy, Illinois; Isabella, a popular teacher of Sioux City, Iowa; Robert, who died in 1891, at the age of twenty years and was buried in Carthage cemetery; and John S., of this review.

At the usual age John S. Cochran entered the public schools and passed through successive grades until he completed the high school course and afterward studied in Carthage College. He was later associated in the newspaper business with his father for a year or so, they purchasing the Journal in 1892. In 1894, Mr Cochran bought his father's interest and is still engaged in the publication of the Hancock County Journal, which is a weekly paper and the largest published in the county, being the official organ of the Republican party. Its circulation exceeds that of any other newspaper and it is well worthy the public patronage, being conducted along modern lines of journalism. The office is on Wabash avenue and in connection with the department for the publication of the paper he also conducts a large job printing department and has a good patronage in this line.

On the 28th of June, 1898, Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Emily M. Johnson, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cochran has been born a little daughter, Sarah Evelyn, who was born in Carthage, February 8, 1902.

In his political views Mr. Cochran is a republican and has been city clerk of Carthage. He has been greatly and actively interested in local and county politics and has continuously served on some committee in connection with the management of the party affairs. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Court of Honor. He has in Carthage erected several houses, all of which he has sold with the excep-

tion of the last one, which he built at the corner of Locust street and Quincy road. He is an active, energetic man and is very prosperous for one of his years. His success moreover is attributable to his own labors and keen business discernment. He is a young man of strong intelligence, who has been a student of the signs of the times relating to business and political development and he stands for progress and improvement at all times. Both he and his wife are consistent and helpful members of the Presbyterian church.

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#### DR. BRIGGS JUDD FULLER.

Briggs Judd Fuller, formerly identified with the dental profession of Hancock county but now living retired in Warsaw, is a native of Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, his birth having there occurred on the 8th of December, 1843. His father, Albert Fuller, came to this county in 1856, and here spent his remaining days, his death having occurred February 6, 1880. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Julia Judd, still survives and now makes her home with her son, Briggs J., in Warsaw.

Dr. Fuller was a lad of twelve years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Hancock county, and in the schools of Warsaw acquired his early education. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the army, joining a company which was organized at Warsaw and which was mustered in for service at Quincy. The

company was assigned to duty with the Army of the Tennessee and at once went to Memphis, where, in the first battle in which Dr. Fuller was engaged he was captured and taken as a prisoner of war to Cahaba, Alabama, to Castle Morgan prison, and then went to Vicksburg, where he was paroled and where he was granted a furlough and went to Springfield, being there mustered out of service.

Choosing the profession of dentistry as a life work, he entered the Missouri Dental College, at St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1871 with the degree of D. D. S. He afterward pursued a course in the St. Louis Medical College. Following his graduation he returned to his home in this city, where he opened an office and successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for a number of years in Warsaw, since which time he has lived retired, now making his home with his mother and sister in this city. He has here formed a very wide acquaintance both professionally and socially and is highly esteemed, for he has ever been straightforward and honorable in every relation of life.

A brother, Dr. Albert Homer Fuller, was also in the Civil war, and enlisted in 1862, and served for three years. He resides in St. Louis, Missouri, where he is a practicing dentist. He was for many years Dean of Missouri Dental College of Washington University, at St. Louis, Missouri, but has now retired from the college. While connected with the college his work was very satisfactory, not only to the faculty, but also to the students, many of whom have become distinguished.

### JAMES W. McKEE.

James W. McKee, now living retired in Carthage, was born in Ohio, near Ripley, April 30, 1840. His father, James McKee, Sr., was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in 1777, and removed to Ohio when about thirty-five years of age, after which he regularly visited his old home in Pennsylvania once a year, walking one way and riding horseback the other way. He was an enterprising farmer and a diligent man, whose life was always characterized by integrity in all business transactions. He served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812 and his life at all times conformed to a high standard of conduct. He was married twice and there were ten children by the first marriage and nine by the second, while his second wife had five children by a prior marriage. One of the sons, Nathaniel McKee, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry under Captain Miller.

James W. McKee spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Ohio, and at the age of seventeen years came to Illinois with his parents, settling on a farm in Carthage township, where he owned one hundred acres. He has followed general farming and stock-raising for many years, giving his attention to that calling until 1895, when he retired. He made good and substantial improvements upon his land, placing the fields under a high state of cultivation, adding modern improvements and using the latest improved machinery for plowing, planting and harvesting. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings and in 1895

he removed to Carthage, where he built a modern home on Schofield street and is now spending the evening of life in comfort, for in former years he acquired a competence sufficient to supply him with the necessities and many of the luxuries of life. October 13, 1859, Mr. McKee was married to Miss Margaret Weir, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, August 21, 1840, a daughter of George Weir, who was a successful farmer. George Weir, one of the sons, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, and died while in service, becoming ill at Jefferson Barracks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weir have passed away. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McKee have become the parents of five children, who are now living. Ida is the wife of Edward Armstrong, who occupies a position in the postoffice in Chicago, and they have three children, Ruth, Edna and Harry. Albert Nathaniel is proprietor of a grocery store in Carthage. Margaret is the wife of Emanuel Gildner, a wholesale clothing merchant of Chicago. Effie is the wife of Charles Peirson, of Chicago, and Maud is also in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee are loyal and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as an elder. They take a very active and helpful part in church work and Mrs. McKee has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society. They have a pleasant home in Carthage, and in addition to this property Mr. McKee owns a house, which he rents and also two large farms in the county, one in Carthage township and one in Hancock township, from which he derives a grati-

fying income. In a review of his life it will be seen that he had no assistance when he started upon his business career but the spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and placing his reliance on the substantial qualities of industry and close application, Mr. McKee worked his way steadily upward until he reached the plane of affluence. Industry and economy constitute a safe basis on which to build prosperity—a fact which he early recognized and which he has utilized in his business career. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he served as road commissioner and as school director for a number of years. Both he and his wife are pleasant, genial people, interested in all that pertains to the welfare of their city and state and to the interests of mankind, and they number their friends in Carthage and Hancock county by the score.

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#### ALBERT NATHANIEL MCKEE.

Albert Nathaniel McKee, engaged in the grocery business in Carthage, was born in Hancock county, in 1864, a son of James W. and Margaret (Weir) McKee, who are represented elsewhere in this work. His education was acquired in the district schools and he entered upon his business career as proprietor of a restaurant in Carthage, which he conducted for a year. He then accepted a position as fireman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, being thus employed for

three years, after which he was a brakeman for a year on the Keokuk & Western Railroad. He next went to Quincy, Illinois, spending a year in the Electric Wheel Works, after which he returned to Carthage, where he devoted the succeeding year to looking after various properties. Going to Chicago he operated a motor car of the Chicago City Railway Company for eight years, and on the expiration of that period he removed to Renick, Missouri, where he devoted three years to farming. He next went to Moberly, Missouri, where he was employed in a machine shop for about a year. In 1905 he returned to Carthage and purchased the corner property on Schofield and Buchanan streets, opening the only grocery store in the northern part of the city. He has a well appointed store, carrying a carefully selected line of staple and fancy groceries and also a well selected stock of muslins, prints, notions and novelties, it being a great convenience to the entire neighborhood to have such an establishment in their midst.

On the 28th of August, 1889, Mr. McKee was married to Miss Alice Yetter, who was born September 21, 1867, in Carthage township, Hancock county, a daughter of S. R. and Hester (Halbert) Yetter. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and the mother in Kentucky, in 1836. Mr. Yetter was a farmer by occupation and was only twelve years of age when brought to Illinois, where he has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He still lives on his farm but is now practically living retired. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he has

served as justice of the peace for many years, proving a fair and impartial officer. Fraternally he is a Mason. In his family were ten children, of whom seven are now living, as follows: Laura, the wife of Lewis Tull, a resident of Berkeley, California; Mary, the wife of Richard White, of Carthage, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; John C., of Carthage; Charles, who is living in Beardstown, Illinois; Alice, now Mrs. McKee; Margaret, the wife of P. H. Willey, of Peabody, Kansas; and Ralph, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Yetter are devoted members of the Methodist church and in his younger years he filled at different times all of the church offices. They are people of the highest respectability, their upright, honorable lives having gained for them the esteem and confidence of all with whom they have been associated.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McKee has been blessed with four children. Earl, who was born October 23, 1890, in Keokuk, Iowa, and is attending the high school; Ray, who was born in Keokuk, in 1892; Helen, born in Chicago, in 1895; and Harold, who was born in Chicago in 1896, and died in 1897, being laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage. The three living children are all in school, the parents giving to them good educational privileges. Mr. and Mrs. McKee are faithful members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and to the Chicago Mutual Aid, while his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He has depended upon his own resources from an early age and whatever success

he has achieved has resulted from his perseverance, labor and ready adaptability. He has attained a creditable measure of success for one of his years and is now proprietor of a good store, in which he is enjoying a large patronage. He is located on a very pretty corner which he has improved by the erection of a handsome and commodious modern residence on Schofield street adjoining the store and he contemplates building a new store building in the near future. He is courteous and accommodating and his business is constantly growing. He possesses laudable ambition and energy and his wife has been of much assistance to him.

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#### FREDERICK W. MEYER.

Frederick W. Meyer, who is living in Walker township, was born in Adams county, Illinois, January 18, 1856, and is of German lineage. His parents, Gotlieb and Henrietta Yetter (Homer) Meyer, were both natives of the fatherland. The former, born in 1829, died in 1895, but Mrs. Meyer is still living at the home in Adams county. He was a farmer, and in 1854 crossed the Atlantic to the new world, making the voyage in a sailing vessel, which was three weeks in reaching the American port. Unto him and his wife were born eight children: Caroline, the wife of Gotlieb Roskamp, of Walker township; F. W., of this review; Fredericka, the wife of Ernest Distlehorst, of Horton; Augusta.

the wife of Henry Slitman, of Adams county, Illinois; Louisa, the wife of Ed Cook, of Mendon, this state; Emma, the wife of James Knox, of Adams county; Anna, at home; and Gotlieb, who for eight years was in the Philippine Islands, but is now in St. Louis, Missouri.

F. W. Meyer pursued his education in the public schools of Quincy, Illinois, and at Fowler, this state. In his youth he largely assisted his father in the work of the home farm and eventually began earning his living by working as a farm hand for two months in the employ of Mr. Buckeder. He was married in 1883 to Miss Minnie Althede, who was born in an old log house standing on the farm which is now the home of Mr. Meyer. Her natal year was 1860, and her parents were Gotlieb and Rickie (Hocker) Althede, both natives of Germany. Her father provided for his family by following farming and feeding stock in Walker township for many years but in early life he learned and followed the tailor's trade. He died in 1902, and his widow is now living at her daughter's, Mrs. Wiebrock, in Walker township. Mr. Althede served in the German army in his native country and was also a soldier of the Civil war in this country for eight months. In his family were six children who are yet living: Fred, who resides in Wythe township; Mrs. Meyer; Henry and Gotlieb, who are farmers of Walker township; Mrs. Carrie Wiebrock, of Walker township; and John, living in the same township.

About a year after his marriage Mr. Meyer purchased his present farm home of his father-in-law, and now has eighty

acres on section 4, Walker township. He built his present residence in 1892, taking possession on the 14th of June. In 1888 he built a good barn thirty-two by forty-four feet and has also put up other substantial buildings on the place. He likewise owns eighty-three acres of land near Hamilton, Illinois, which is improved, and sixty-two acres of pasture land in Bear Creek township, beside a store building in Sutter which is occupied by William Shipe, and two houses in Sutter which he rents. His attention is mainly given to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and upon his place he has a young orchard of six acres of peaches and apples, only about three years old. He is entirely a self-made man, who started out in life in limited circumstances. In his earlier years he practiced frugality and industry and as the result of his earnest labor he and his wife are now enabled to enjoy many of the comforts which go to make life worth living.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Meyer have been born eleven children, of whom nine survive: Lydia, the wife of Charles Murray, who lives on her father's farm near Hamilton, by whom she has two daughters, Elise and Edna; Carrie, the wife of Gotlieb Humke, of Wythe township; Alice, who is with her parents; George, eighteen years of age, at home; Bertha, Rosa, Sophia, Dora and Sadie, all yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Meyer is a republican, inflexible in support of the principles of his party yet without aspiration for office. Both he and his wife are members of the German church and are intelligent, well respected citizens. He is now quite an ex-

tensive landowner and all his property has been acquired through his own efforts. It is a record of which he has every reason to be proud and it shows what may be accomplished in this country where labor is unhampered by caste or class and where opportunity is open to all.

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FRED N. MILBY.

Fred N. Milby, editor and proprietor of the Carthage Weekly Democrat, has made a notable success for one of his years, and in his career as a journalist has kept abreast with the modern progress which has been manifest in late years in the newspaper field. He is a native son of Hancock county, having been born near Carthage, March 15, 1873, his parents being David W. and Catherine (Curry) Milby. The father was born in Delaware, July 12, 1831, and the mother's birth occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, March 13, 1834. Mr. Milby was a farmer by occupation and was brought to Illinois in his childhood days, settling with his parents at Rushville in Schuyler county, whence he came to Hancock county about thirty-five years ago. He died in Carthage, December 22, 1895, respected by all who knew him and his remains were interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. His political views were in harmony with the principles of democracy. His wife, a member of the Christian church, is now living with her son Fred. They had a family of seven chil-



dren, all of whom yet survive, namely: Albert B., residing near Tulip, Missouri; Jennie, the wife of Perry Fancher, residing in Carthage Missouri; Laura, living with her mother; Thomas G., of Carthage; Anna D., the wife of E. L. Yates, of Perkins, Oklahoma; Fred M.; and Carrie M., who is assisting her brother Fred in his office. Thomas J. Curry, a brother of Mrs. David W. Milby, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving throughout the period of hostilities as captain of Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Volunteer Infantry. Two other brothers, James and Duncan Curry, were also members of the same regiment, so that the family was well represented in the army.

In the public schools of Carthage Fred N. Milby acquired his education and afterward learned the printer's trade, which he followed in this city as an employe until 1899, when he established a printing office of his own in the Quinby Block on Jefferson street. He is also editor and proprietor of the Carthage Weekly Democrat, a paper which has a large circulation in the city and county. This is one of the strong democratic organs of the county and in connection with its publication he also conducts a prosperous jobbing printing business, having an office well equipped for turning out first class work, so that a liberal patronage is accorded him.

On the 29th of November, 1900, Mr. Milby was married to Miss Mabel G. Linn, who was born in West Point, Illinois in 1883, a daughter of George W. and Irene (Browning) Linn. Her father was a native of Adams county, Illinois,

and the mother was also born in this state. Mr. Linn is a blacksmith by trade and followed that pursuit until his death, which occurred January 4, 1905. His wife had passed away in July, 1896, and they were buried near West Point, Illinois. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party. Mrs. Milby was the youngest of their family of four children, the others being George H., of Carthage; Cora G., the wife of Edward Fletcher; and Nora. All are still residents of Carthage. Mr. Milby purchased a pretty home on Locust and Washington streets, where he now resides and unto him and his wife have been born two children, Katherine Irene and Kenneth Richmond, the former born December 22, 1901, and the latter June 10, 1905. Kenneth died March 11, 1906. In connection with his home property Mr. Milby also owns several vacant lots in Carthage and a business house. The spirit of self-help is the source of all true worth in the individual and it has been the dominant factor in the life record of Mr. Milby who had no assistance as he entered upon the task of providing for his own support and making for himself a place in business circles. His upright life, his energy and the exercise of his native talents constitute the material from which he has builded his present prosperity and he has won a creditable place for one of his years, while his talents bespeak for him still greater achievements in the future. He takes a most active interest in public affairs and as a private citizen and through the columns of his paper as well, he labors effectively for the welfare of his city and county. He has always been a

champion of the democracy and is connected with Knights of Pythias fraternity, exemplifying in his life its beneficent spirit.

Mr. Milby has erected a fine business building on the east side of the square, and the second story is now the home of the Democrat, the first story being used as a store.

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### WILLIAM A. SYMONDS.

William A. Symonds, who is now serving for the fifth term as justice of the peace in Carthage, is one of the representative citizens of the county. Few men are more widely known in Carthage, for he has been an important factor in professional, political and church circles and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabating energy and industry that never flags. He is public spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the county.

A native of New Hampshire, William A. Symonds was born in Hillsborough county on the 31st of October, 1844, his parents being Frederick W. and Abbie (Lawton) Symonds. The father was also born in Hillsborough county and the mother's birth occurred in one of the eastern states. Coming to Illinois in 1847, Frederick W. Symonds settled near Carthage and carried on general agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death.

Both he and his wife passed way in 1853 and were buried in the Carthage cemetery. In their family were seven children, of whom five are yet living. Two of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war. Edwin K. enlisted for three years in the One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry and continued with the army until the close of hostilities. He died a few years ago. John L. Symonds, who was a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, became ill while in the service and died near Vicksburg. William L. Rand, a cousin of Judge Symonds, was also a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry and now lives in Carthage. Another relative, L. B. Cochran, a husband of Emily S. Symonds, served throughout the war in the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry and is now in Missouri. John B. Hawley, who married Mary F. Symonds, another sister, also served in an Illinois regiment and was a captain of his company. He took part in the battle of Fort Donelson and lost his health there on account of exposure and had to resign and practiced law at Rock Island, Illinois, and was elected congressman from that district. He served as assistant secretary of treasury under Sherman. An old shot gun which was used by an ancestor in the Revolutionary war is still in possession of the Symonds family.

Judge Symonds of this review, being brought to Hancock county when only three years of age, was educated in the public schools of Carthage and also attended college in Jacksonville, Illinois, for a year. He afterward engaged in teaching school for several years in this county,

but in the fall of 1864 put aside his professional duties and personal interests in order to espouse the Union cause, enlisting when twenty years of age as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Infantry, with which he continued until peace was restored. He then returned to Carthage and again taught school, while later he devoted his summer months to farming and in the winter seasons continued in the profession of teaching. In 1869 he took up the study of law with David Mack as his preceptor, reading with him for two years and afterward practicing with him for a similar period. He then entered upon practice alone in Carthage, being city attorney for two years when the city abolished saloons, and followed his profession for several years, when on account of ill health he retired from active practice and turned his attention to farming, believing that the outdoor life would prove beneficial. Gradually, however, he resumed his law work and throughout much of an active business career his attention has been given to the practice of law in probate court, but principally in settling of estates.

In his political views Judge Symonds has always been a staunch republican, supporting the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. In 1874 he was chosen school clerk and continued in the office until his removal to the farm. Later he was again appointed to the same position and was treasurer of the school board for twelve or fifteen years, although his service was not consecutive. He is now filling for the fifth term the position of justice of the peace, so that his incumbency covers almost twenty years.

For many years he has been public administrator of the county. He has also been notary public throughout his connection with the Hancock county bar and no public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree. In connection with his business affairs and official duties he has also been insurance agent for many years.

Mr. Symonds was married November 26, 1878, to Miss Mary Spangler, a daughter of William M. and Sarah E. Spangler, whose sketch is also in this review. Five sisters of the family are still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Symonds have been born seven children, all natives of Carthage: The eldest, Abbie, died in infancy, the rest are: Frederick W., who was twenty-two years of age on the 10th of January, 1906, is a graduate of the Carthage high school and is now studying engineering under the direction of Scranton (Pennsylvania) Correspondence School. Emily Clare, also a high school graduate, is now assisting her father in his office. James S. is a high school student. Raymond H., Mary E. and John H., the youngest now nine years of age, are all in school. Mr. and Mrs. Symonds reside in the southwest part of the city and since purchasing his home he has remodeled both the exterior and interior and now has a very comfortable and attractive property. Mr. Symonds has been a Mason for many years, belonging to Hancock Lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He likewise holds membership relations with the Woodmen and with Alexander Post, No. 455, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has been adjutant for five or

six years. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he acted as clerk for many years, while for ten or twelve years he has been a ruling elder, taking a most active part in church work and doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county. The terms progress and patriotism might well be considered the key note of his character, for throughout his career he has labored for the improvement of every line of business or public interest with which he has been associated and at all times has been actuated by a fidelity to his country and her welfare.

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#### JOHN H. HORNEY.

John H. Horney, who for many years was identified with agricultural pursuits in Hancock county but is now living retired, is numbered among the early settlers of this part of the state and has been an active factor not only in business circles but also in public life, several official duties having been bestowed upon him, the duties of which he has faithfully and promptly discharged. He is now serving as rural mail carrier and he likewise proved his loyalty and his devotion to his country by active service in the Civil war. The years of his residence in Hancock county cover the period from 1851 to the present time.

A native of Warren county, Illinois,

Mr. Horney was born on the 3d of August, 1841, his parents being Lemuel and Cynthia (Brunton) Horney. The father was born in North Carolina in 1809 about thirty miles from Raleigh, the capital of that state. There he resided continuously until 1827, when, at the age of eighteen years, he became a resident of Schuyler county, Illinois, having made the journey to the west with his parents. He lived in that county for some years after his marriage and was there engaged in farming. Later he removed to Warren county, Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and in 1851 he came with his family to Hancock county, settling on section 12, Wytthe township. There he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he transformed into a good farm, making his home thereon until his death, which occurred in August, 1863, resulting from the kick of a mule. He was at that time fifty-four years of age. He had served in the Black Hawk war and was one of the pioneers of the state, closely associated with its early development and progress. He shared in the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier and as the years passed contributed to the development and upbuilding of the localities in which he lived. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served as a trustee and class-leader for many years. He was also a prosperous and progressive citizen whose well directed business affairs brought to him a gratifying competence. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and for a number of years he served as supervisor from that township. He

also acted as justice of the peace for some time and during his residence in Warren county, Illinois, he served as major in the state militia. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Cynthia A. Brunton, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and was also a Methodist in her religious faith, taking an active and helpful part in the work of the church. She survived her husband for many years her death occurring in 1900, and her remains were then interred by the side of his grave in the cemetery at Basco, Illinois. In their family were nine children, four of whom are yet living but John H. Horney is the only one now residing in this state.

Mr. Horney of this review was a lad of about ten years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Hancock county. He began his education at the place of his birth and continued his studies in the public schools of Wythe township. After completing his own education he engaged in teaching in the district schools and in the village of Elvaston, successfully following that profession for twenty-one years. He also carried on farming in Wythe township, having purchased a tract of land, adjoining the old homestead property. He resided thereon for a number of years and then went to North Dakota, where he spent nearly four years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Hancock county, making his home upon the farm belonging to his father-in-law in Wythe township. There he continued to reside until about five years ago and was accounted one of the enterprising agriculturists of the community. Since 1901, however, he has

resided in the village of Elvaston, having retired from farm life but indolence and idleness are utterly foreign to his nature and in order to have some occupation he became rural mail carrier on the only route out of Elvaston. He has also done considerable surveying for individuals and railroad companies and also for the drainage committee and he acted as county surveyor for ten years, while living upon the farm. In his political views he is an earnest democrat and for some time held the office of president of the town board of Elvaston and was assessor of Prairie township for one term. No public trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree and his efficiency and capability have long been recognized.

Mr. Horney has always been a loyal and public-spirited citizen and his devotion to his country was early manifest by his service in the Civil war, for when but twenty-one years of age he enlisted on the 12th of August, 1862, as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for about one year, when he was discharged at Black River Bridge, Mississippi. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg and an engagement at Arkansas Post and was sergeant of his company but illness compelled him to leave the army. He is now a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades of the Civil war.

Mr. Horney was married on the 30th of January, 1868, to Miss Clara E. Berry, a daughter of Joshua C. and Mary B. (Barker) Berry, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Massa-

chusetts. They went to Ohio at an early day and in 1854 came to Hancock county, Illinois, settling in Wythe township, where the father followed farming and surveying. His ability in the latter direction led to his election to the office of county surveyor for a number of terms. He died at the advanced age of eighty-two years, while his wife reached the ripe old age of eighty-six years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Horney have been born five children, four of whom are now living. Charles H. B., residing in Elvaston, married Miss Kate Daw and they have two children, Nellie F. and Frank D.; Ettie A. is at home. Charles H. died at the age of three weeks. Eola is now the wife of J. Frank Cameron, of Elvaston, and has one child, Glenn. Jessie M., the youngest, is a student in the public schools. All of the children were born in Wythe township. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Horney is serving as an elder. There are many chapters in his life history that are worthy of emulation, for he proved a brave and loyal soldier, has been equally faithful in citizenship in times of peace, has been straightforward in his business dealings and in public office has proved himself fully worthy of the trust of his fellowmen.

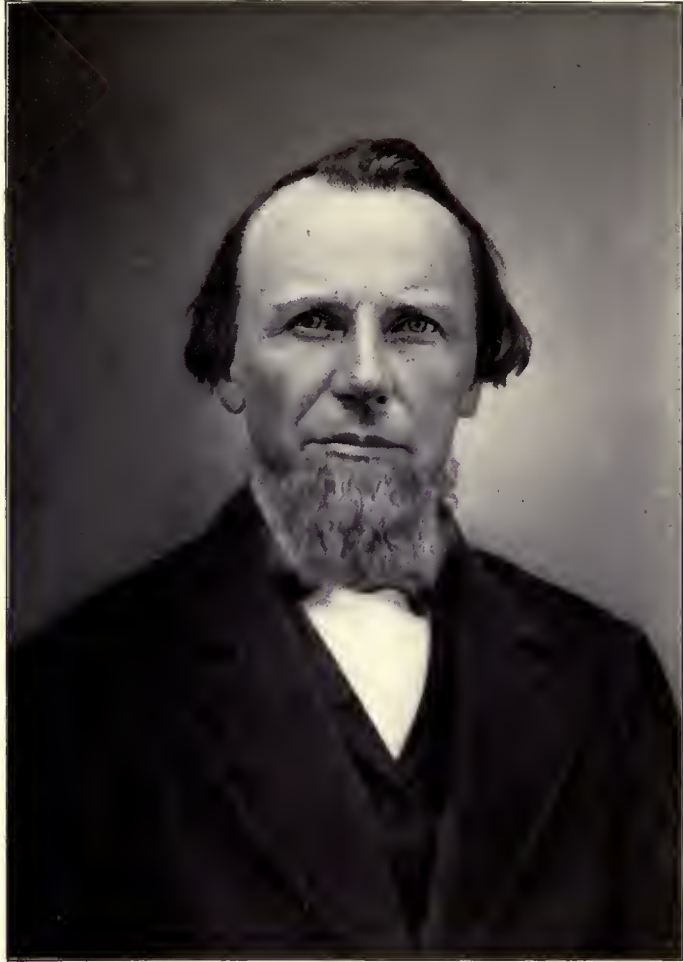
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CHARLES H. GARNETT, A. M., LL. B.

Charles H. Garnett, one of the prominent lawyers of western Illinois, whose

ability is indicated by his extensive clientage not only in Carthage but in other cities as well, was born in Colmar, McDonough county, Illinois, January 12, 1873, his parents being Robert K. and Annie E. (Hunter) Garnett. Robert K. Garnett was a grandson in the maternal line of Reuben Graves, who served as a soldier of the war of 1812. The maternal grandparents of our subject came to America from the north of Ireland near Colerain when about twenty years of age. Robert K. Garnett was born at St. Marys, Hancock county, Illinois, August 4, 1844, and for many years has been a successful farmer in his native township where now he owns a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres. He has served as justice of the peace for ten or twelve years and was also township collector, discharging his duties of his different offices with promptness and fidelity. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he is recognized as a local leader in the party ranks as well as an influential factor in agricultural circles. He married Miss Annie E. Hunter, a daughter of James and Martha (Logan) Hunter, who was born in Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1845, and is also living. They have eight children: Mary V., the wife of J. Minor Botts, of St. Marys, Illinois; Lulu O., the wife of William G. Botts, of Carthage; Charles H., of this review; Grace A., who is a graduate of the University of Illinois of the class of 1901 and was for four years principal of the high school at Plano, Illinois, but is now teaching in the high school at Prescott, Arizona; Elmer L., who is a graduate of the Illinois University of the

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class of 1904 and the Northwestern Law School of Chicago in 1906 and is now with his brother, Charles H.; Percie E., a student in the State University at Champaign, Illinois; Robert E., who is also studying in that institution; and Harriet E., a student in the University of Illinois at Urbana, Illinois.

Like the other members of the family Charles H. Garnett was afforded excellent educational privileges, supplementing his preliminary course by study in the University of Illinois at Champaign, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1896. He was elected to a fellowship in economics in the university, holding the same for one year. This fellowship is a scholarship, which enabled Mr. Garnett to teach at a salary of four hundred dollars per year and also pursue post-graduate work, at the end of which time he received the degree of Master of Arts. He afterward spent two years in the law department at Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and in December of the same year he was admitted to the Illinois bar. After spending the winter in Chicago he came to Carthage in April, 1900, and in November of the same year was elected state's attorney of Hancock county, which position he filled for the full term of four years. He is now one of the most successful lawyers of this city with a large clientele, connecting him with much important litigation. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he was nominated for the second term but was defeated. In 1906 he was nominated by the democratic senatorial con-

vention to represent his district in the general assembly, subject to the general elections held in November.

Mr. Garnett belongs to Hancock Lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is now junior warden; Bentley Lodge, No. 412, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Occidental Lodge, No. 388, Knights of Pythias, in which he is a past chancellor commander and also belongs to the Carthage Baptist church. His offices are located in the McMahan Building, where he occupies a nice suite of rooms. He is yet a young man but has attained prominence in his profession that many an older practitioner might well envy, and a growing business is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by the public. June 6, 1906, Mr. Garnett was married, his wife being Ermine Williams, of Fort Stockton, Texas, a daughter of Oscar W. and Sarah (Wheat) Williams. He was an attorney, a graduate of Harvard Law School and for some years a judge of Pecos county, Texas, while her grandfather, Jesse C. Williams, has been in business in Carthage about a half century. Miss Williams was educated at Carthage College.

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#### CLAUS ALBERS.

Claus Albers, numbered among Warsaw's honored dead, was for many years a prominent citizen. As the day with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of com-

pleted and successful effort, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this man, and when death claimed him a most useful, active and honorable career was ended, in which he had labored not alone for his own advancement but had contributed in large measure to the upbuilding of the city.

Claus Albers was born November 25, 1817, in Hollenhof, Amt, Zeven, in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, and was the eldest son of John Dietrich and Sophia Albers. He emigrated to America in 1836, when a young man of nineteen years and became a resident of Ohio. He was married in Cincinnati, on the 5th of March, 1839, to Miss Rebecca Knoop, who came to this country with her parents in 1838. She was born in Oldendorf, in the kingdom of Hanover, December 26, 1818.

Following their marriage the young couple removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mr. Albers was engaged in the grocery business and subsequently they took up their abode upon a farm in Benton county, Missouri, becoming pioneer residents of that locality. Mr. Albers devoted his time and energies to general farming there for nearly eight years and while living there he and his wife joined the German Methodist church in 1844, having previously been members of the Lutheran church. Their home became a preaching place for Methodist ministers until a little society, consisting of about eight families, built a log church on Mr. Albers's farm. In 1847 he left Missouri, and with his family removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and thence to Racine, remaining only a few weeks in each place. He afterward came to Hancock county,

Illinois, settling in Nauvoo, after making the journey in a covered wagon drawn by an ox team. In Nauvoo he dealt in general merchandising and traded with the surviving Mormons, all of whom had not been expelled from the state. Their magnificent temple in Nauvoo was burned during Mr. Albers's residence there. In 1851 he removed to Warsaw, where he again engaged in general merchandising for a brief period. In 1854, however, he built a flouring mill on the site of the present Grace Mills, having a capacity of two hundred barrels daily. In 1855 this mill was destroyed by fire and he at once made preparation for rebuilding. The mill, which was called the Grace mill, was established in 1856 and had a capacity of from two hundred and fifty to three hundred barrels of flour per day. It was managed by Mr. Albers with the assistance of his sons and at times with different partners until 1883, when he retired from that business and took up the management of his farm on Main street, to which he had devoted many leisure hours through a long period of years. He was pleased to term it the preserver of his health and he delighted to retire to this farm, watching the growth of the crops there and living near to nature's heart.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Albers were born seven children, who survive the parents: Henry, a resident and prominent business man of Los Angeles, California; Sophia, the wife of Dr. J. G. Van Marter, of Rome, Italy; Anna, the wife of Professor J. L. Kessler, of Warrenton, Missouri; Anna Rebecca, the wife of William Zuppan; Charles and William E., of Warsaw; and Homer, of Boston.

The death of the father, Claus Albers, occurred January 23, 1892, when he was seventy-four years of age. A local journal said of him: "In the death of Mr. Albers Warsaw lost a citizen who gave the best years of his life to an enterprise that contributed largely to the upbuilding of the city and made it for four decades the grain market for a large scope of territory. It lost a citizen who thus practically demonstrated the vast benefit, a man of enterprise, energy and capacity can be to a community when he so directs those attributes. It lost a citizen whose acquaintance was as wide as the commercial reach of the city—made so by a long, active and useful life." His wife survived him until July 9, 1896, and passed away at the age of seventy-seven years, six months and thirteen days. Mrs. Albers was a gentle, kindly woman, charitable in her estimate of every one and of uniform affability in the treatment of all. She never spoke evil of any one, and always insisted that every person had his good side and redeeming qualities if one would only seek them. Even her reproaches were so tempered with sweetness they left no sting of bitterness, and in all her life it is said she never gave way to temper. Patient in her consideration of others, self-sacrificing and thoughtful, her greatest ambition seemed to be to serve her family and her greatest fear that she might be a care or a burden. All who knew her are full of her praises and all mourn the loss of a good woman. They can well sympathize with the household from which such a light has gone out forever.

Of their family Homer Albers has at-

tained national distinction. He was born in Warsaw, Illinois, February 28, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of Warsaw; at Central Wesleyan College Warrenton, Missouri, from which college he was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1882. He then went to the Boston University Law School and was graduated Magna Cum Laude from this institution in 1885 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in the summer of 1885 in Boston; was associated in business before his admission, and subsequently with George L. Huntress until 1888, when he became a partner with Mr. Huntress which partnership has continued up to the present time. Soon after receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws he was appointed an instructor in the Law School, continuing, however, his law practice. A few years later he was made a professor and appointed a member of the faculty of the Boston University Law School, which positions he continued to hold until 1902, when the increasing demands of his law practice made it necessary for him to curtail his other work. At the request of the university he consented to deliver a few lectures each year in order that they might retain his name in their list of lecturers. In 1900 Mr. Albers began a short course of lectures on Business Law at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and has continued to the present time in the charge of this course in this famous institution. He has been offered professorships in the Law Schools of University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and at the Northwestern University, at Chicago, but declined, preferring the active practice of

law. In 1899 Mr. Albers was by Governor Wolcott appointed a member of the Massachusetts State Ballot Law Commission, and by reappointments from successive governors continued to hold this position until 1905. He was married June 26, 1889, to Minnie B. Martin, of Fredonia, New York. They reside in Brookline, a most attractive village near Boston. In 1903 he was by Governor Bates appointed a judge of the Massachusetts superior court. In Massachusetts the judges are appointed by the governor for life, and an appointment to this bench had, up to the time of the selection of Mr. Albers for this position, been refused only once in the history of Massachusetts. The judges must, however, sit in different places throughout the state, and Mr. Albers was unwilling to have his happy home life interfered with, and therefore declined the proffered, unsolicited honor. In an interview published in the Boston Journal on September 15, 1903, his law partner, George L. Huntress, said: "At the time of Mr. Albers's appointment I was both glad and sorry. You know why I was glad. But I was sorry to lose such a man from the close association of the office and out of our business, which he has graced and honored, and to which he has given the best that is in him. Now I am both glad and sorry. I am sorry that he has been obliged to surrender what would have been an honor to him and what he would have honored to the full—a place upon the bench of this commonwealth. But I am glad he is going to stay with me." The Lowell Courier published the following: "Aside from the domestic considerations which compelled Mr. Al-

bers to refuse the ermine, it is also true in all probability that a man of his calibre is making too great a financial sacrifice in accepting a judicial position. Our judges are better paid than the justices of a good many states, but their salaries are still far below what a good many lawyers can make in practice. We can only regret it as a grave error to refuse attractive salaries to the judiciary. It takes a large mind to make a good judge, and some states find that the large minds come high—higher than they are willing to pay." The salary in Massachusetts is six thousand five hundred dollars, and five hundred dollars travel. Mr. Albers's practice is that of a business lawyer,—commercial law, corporation law, equity cases including many trade mark cases. He has never been a candidate for any office and all appointments have come unsolicited. He is the personal attorney for Thomas W. Lawson in all his varied and intricate affairs, and he and Mr. Huntress have conducted the legal business of C. I. Hood & Company, the Wells & Richardson Company (Paine's Celery Compound) and other prominent individuals and corporations. Mr. Albers is a director in a number of corporations including the Coastwise Transportation Company, which owns and operates the largest sailing vessels in the world. Although he cannot be called a "club man," he is a member of the University Club, the Boston Art Club and the Commonwealth Country Club, this being not the least among the many forms of recreation which he has of recuperation, which is so necessary to one leading so active a life.

## CHARLES ALBERS.

Charles Albers, now manager of the Warsaw Milling Company, was born in this city in 1857, and was educated in the public schools of Warsaw and Central Wesleyan College, Warrenton, Missouri, and the Iowa Wesleyan University, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He received his business training under the direction of his father and has continuously been identified with the milling interests of Warsaw since that time. The business is now conducted under the firm name of The Warsaw Milling Company. As stated, the business was established in 1856 by the father of the present proprietors, and in 1887 was incorporated as a stock company and capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, with J. H. Finlay as president; C. E. Eymann, vice president; W. E. Albers, secretary and treasurer; and Charles Albers, manager. The capacity of the plant is four hundred barrels per day. The mill has been in continuous operation for fifty years, and all of the time has been owned by the same family. It is now equipped with all modern improvements and the business is carefully and successfully conducted along modern lines.

Charles Albers was married in 1904 to Miss Cecille Dory, a daughter of Victor Dory, and they have one child, Clarice Cécille. Mr. Albers became a Mason in 1890 and has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York rite. He has never aspired to political honors, yet is never remiss in citizenship and gives stalwart support to many movements which are of direct benefit not only to the village, but also to the county and state.

## WILLIAM EDWARD ALBERS.

William Edward Albers was born in Illinois, July 7, 1859, and pursued his education in the public schools of Warsaw and also in Illinois College, at Jacksonville. Subsequently he went to Bloomington, Illinois, and later for a time operated a coal mine at Sidell, Illinois, where he remained for about three years. On the expiration of that period he sold to the firm of Bishop & Springer, coal dealers of Keokuk. He has been associated with the milling business as secretary and treasurer since its incorporation in 1887, and while operating the mill he was largely interested in farming. He became a partner in the milling business in 1884 and he and his brother Charles rebuilt the mill and have since conducted this business, which is one of the leading industrial enterprises of Warsaw.

W. E. Albers was married October 12, 1893, to Miss Mary Grace Robinson, a daughter of David A. and Laura (Chandler) Robinson, and they are prominent socially in Warsaw, where they have many warm friends. Politically Mr. Albers is a republican but without aspiration for office. He holds membership with the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a trustee for several years and he is active in support of all that tends to advance material, intellectual and moral progress.

## LEWIS GOTLIEB ROSKAMP.

Lewis Gotlieb Roskamp, deceased, who at one time was a successful general

farmer of Hancock county, was born in Quincy, Illinois, September 2, 1852. His parents, Philip and Hannah (Shassick) Roskamp, were natives of Germany and the family came to America about 1845 or 1846, settling in St. Louis, Missouri. Philip Roskamp removed from Quincy, Illinois, to Hancock county when his son Lewis was only four or five years of age and located on a farm in Walker township, where he reared his family and carried on general agricultural pursuits. His wife died in 1887, and he survived until 1891, when his grave was made by the side of hers in Tioga cemetery.

Lewis G. Roskamp was educated in the public schools of Tioga and continued under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he was married and started out in life for himself. On the 5th of October, 1873, he wedded Miss Caroline Meyer, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1855, a daughter of Gotlieb and Henrietta (Haner) Meyer, who were natives of Germany, the former born May 24, 1821, and the latter December 29, 1829. Both came to America in childhood, and Mrs. Meyer was eleven weeks on the voyage to the new world. In their family were eight children, namely: Mrs. Roskamp; Mrs. Rickie Distlehorst, deceased; William, of Walker township; Augusta, the wife of Henry Schlipman, of Adams county, Illinois; Emma, the wife of Ernest Distlehorst, of Adams county; Louisa, the wife of Ed Cook, who is living near Mendon, Illinois; Anna, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Cook; and Gotlieb, who is in St. Louis, Missouri. He was twenty-nine years of age on the 30th of May,

1906. He has been a soldier in the Philippines for many years and is now in a St. Louis hospital. The mother of these children still survives and yet enjoys good health for one of her years.

At the time of their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Roskamp took up their abode in a log house on a farm just across the road from where she now lives, in Walker township. There they lived until 1881, when Mr. Roskamp erected an elegant residence, which is one of the best homes of the locality. In 1887 he built a fine barn sixty by forty feet and also erected sheds and other good outbuildings. His farm comprised two hundred and seventy acres on section 20, Walker township, and he placed his land under a high state of cultivation so that he annually gathered good crops and secured a gratifying yearly income. His life was one of industry, and his laudable ambition and unfaltering perseverance were elements in his success. As the years passed by he prospered, so that he was able to secure a beautiful home and surrounded his family with many of the comforts of life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Roskamp were born eleven children, all of whom were born on the old home place, namely: Anna, the wife of Gotlieb Heineke, of Walker township, by whom she has two children, Alma and Bertha; Fred, a farmer who married Anna Kiner, of Hamilton and has three children, Bertha, Hilda and Clara; Lydia, the wife of William Kunz, of Walker township, and they have one child, Alvina; John, who operates the home farm for his mother; Henry, who is seventeen years of age and is now in Oregon; Walter, also at home; Carl, thirteen years

of age, Lawrence aged eleven, and Lena, nine years of age, also at home with their mother.

Mr. Roskamp voted with the Republican party but was never a politician in the sense of office seeking. He held membership in the German Lutheran church, at Tioga, where he served as trustee for eight years, in the work of which he was deeply and helpfully interested. His death occurred August 17, 1899, and his remains were buried in the Tioga cemetery, where rests his two children. His widow is likewise a member of the church and still is on the old home farm, where she is rearing her children, who have been left in comfortable circumstances as the result of enterprise and business ability manifested by the husband and father through the years of his active connection with farming interests in this county.

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#### ALFRED QUICK.

Alfred Quick, engaged in general farming in Wilcox township, was born in Rocky Run township in 1878. His paternal grandfather, Alfred Quick, Sr., was born in 1814, in Kentucky, and in 1834, when twenty years of age, became a resident of this county. He settled in Rocky Run township and was identified with its pioneer development and progress, aiding in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present upbuilding and improvement of this portion of the state. He married Miss Susan Hornbeck, who was

born in Kentucky in 1809, and they became the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: Preston; Samuel, of Rocky Run township; James, of Clark county, Missouri; and Susan, the wife of James Shipe, of Warsaw. Preston Quick, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky in 1842, and came to Illinois in 1848, at which time he took up his abode in Rocky Run township. He served for three and a half years as a soldier in the Civil war, belonging to the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and during a part of that time was under command of General Grant. Returning home, he resumed agricultural pursuits here and was for many years an enterprising farmer of this county but is now living retired, making his home with his children. He married Miss Elizabeth Shipe, who was born in Rocky Run township in 1848 and is of German descent. She died in 1895. Mr. Quick is a republican in his political affiliation and for years served as school director, the cause of education finding in him a warm and stalwart friend. In their family were four children, of whom three are now living, namely: Clara M., the wife of Thomas Williams, of Wythe township; Susan, the deceased wife of Lemuel Whitney; Sophronia, the wife of David Webster, who is operating the old Quick homestead in Rocky Run township; and Alfred.

In the public schools near his father's home, Alfred Quick was educated and during the periods of vacation he assisted in the farm work, giving his services to the benefit of his father until twenty-two years of age, when he left home and was

married. It was on the 9th of January, 1900, that he wedded Miss Cleota Ewing, who was born in Tioga, Hancock county, Illinois, November 25, 1880, a daughter of Jackson and Minerva (Gray) Ewing. Her father was born in Kentucky, October 28, 1837, and died September 19, 1886, while the mother's birth occurred in this county on the 13th of September, 1838. He followed the occupation of farming and on coming to Hancock county settled in Walker township, where he devoted his time to his chosen vocation and also carried on a general merchandise store at Tioga. His political support was given to the democracy and he served in several township offices. In his family were three children, of whom two are living: Iona, the wife of Frank Harrison, of Walker township; and Mrs. Quick. Mr. Ewing departed this life in 1886, and the mother still survives and is living in Tioga.

Following his marriage Mr. Quick resided upon his father's farm for two years and later spent one year near Hamilton. In 1905 he purchased one hundred acres of land on section 21, Wilcox township, an improved farm, which he has since further developed and cultivated. The home has been blessed with one child, Fleta Minerva, who was born in Rocky Run township, January 20, 1903. Both Mr. and Mrs. Quick have many friends in this locality and their many excellent traits of character are widely recognized by those with whom they come in contact. Mr. Quick is a republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Woodmen camp. Energetic and active he is accounted one of the progressive young

farmers of the community, who has already done well in his business life and undoubtedly the future holds in store for him further success.

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CHARLES ALBERT WARNER, M. D.

Dr. Charles Albert Warner is the oldest practicing physician in Hancock county. He arrived here in 1853 from Germany, having been born in the latter country on the 15th of September, 1830, the place of his nativity being Hesse Darmstadt. His early education was acquired in the public schools and the Gymnasium and College University of Giesen, from which he was graduated in the spring of 1852. He was a youth of twenty-three years when he arrived in Wisconsin, having made the voyage on an old sailing vessel, which was four weeks in crossing the Atlantic. He proceeded to St. Louis and having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the St. Louis Medical College, where he pursued a regular course and was graduated after three years' study, two years of which was passed in that institution, then called Pope's College, while for one year he was a student in McDowell's College. Following his graduation from the St. Louis Medical College, he entered upon the active practice of his profession and remained in St. Louis until 1862, when he enlisted in the service of his country as assistant surgeon, being thus engaged until 1865. In that year he resigned



after which he was in charge of the city hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, acting in that capacity until 1866. In that year he came direct to Warsaw, where he has continuously practiced to the present time, being now the oldest physician in years of continuous service in the county. He has been accorded a liberal patronage and has done a good business, which, as the years have passed, has steadily increased. He has always kept abreast with the progress made by the medical fraternity and is today a man of broad learning. He is medical examiner for various life insurance companies, including the Aetna, Northwestern, New York Mutual and the Metropolitan companies. Since coming to Warsaw he has remained at his present location at the corner of Main and Fourth streets.

On the 27th of October, 1855, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Warner and Miss Barbara Gerisch, a daughter of Christian Gerisch. Unto them were born two children, Frances and Fred, the former now the wife of Dr. Franz, of St. Louis. The wife and mother died December 24, 1890, and in 1897, Dr. Warner was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Elizabeth Weigand. They now reside in Warsaw on East Main street, where the Doctor owns a valuable tract of one hundred and twenty acres devoted to general farming. In 1868 he was elected supervisor and held the office for a number of years. He has also been a member of the school board for about twenty years and his loyal and progressive citizenship is a well known factor in his life, having been manifest by the tangible

aid which he has given to many movements for the public good.

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#### WESLEY CRAYTON BRIDGES.

Wesley Crayton Bridges, general foreman of the round house and shop for the Wabash, Toledo, Peoria & Western railroads at Hamilton, whose connection with railroad service has continued since 1862, was born in Carroll county, Tennessee, July 24, 1838. His father, William Alexander Bridges, was a native of Tennessee and a son of Willis Bridges, who was born in North Carolina and was a minister of the Primitive Baptist church, devoting forty-five years of his life to that holy calling. It was in Humphreys county, Tennessee, that William A. Bridges was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Neel Ridings, a native of that state and a daughter of Joel and Penelope (May) Ridings, both natives of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bridges began their domestic life upon a farm in Carroll county, Tennessee, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred on the 18th of January, 1844, when he was a comparatively young man. In the family were three children, of whom Wesley C. is the eldest. Joel Willis conducts the pumping station for the Toledo, Peoria & Western and Wabash railroads at Hamilton, while James Monroe, who served as a member of Company G, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, died April 2, 1862.

Wesley Crayton Bridges spent his early youth in his native state and attended the subscription schools of Tennessee until fourteen years of age, when he started with his mother, brothers and stepfather, Jacob Hicks, for Missouri. He drove two yoke of oxen across the country, the family intending to locate in Missouri. Having reached the Mississippi river at Columbus, Kentucky, they were ferried across on a flat boat manned by two Frenchmen with sweep oars. After visiting Missouri, however, they recrossed the river into Illinois, making their way to St. Genevieve, where for the first time Mr. Bridges saw a cook stove. The second trip across the river was made on a flat boat pulled by hand. The family located in Jackson county, Illinois, and there Mr. Bridges continued his education. They remained in that county until December, 1854, but in the previous May the stepfather had died and the mother and her children started again upon the journey in the following December, traveling with ox teams until they reached Augusta, Hancock county. In this county Mr. Bridges also attended school to a limited extent, but worked mostly as a farm hand by the month until 1862, when he removed to Bowen, where a railroad was being built called the Illinois & Southern Iowa Railroad. He was then employed at laying the track between Clayton and Carthage, working as a laborer for eight months. On the expiration of that period he secured a position as fireman and so continued for three years and three months. On the 24th of July, 1867, he was promoted to the position of engineer and followed this

until November 1, 1883, when he was made general foreman of the round house and shop for the Wabash and for the Toledo, Peoria & Western railroads at Hamilton. Since he entered the railroad service he has never been reprimanded, laid off or discharged and has never been away from duty for a full month at a time.

On the 14th of October, 1860, Mr. Bridges was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ellen Harrison, who was born in Washington county, Indiana, January 25, 1843, a daughter of William and Alice B. (Davis) Harrison, natives of Indiana. She had but one sister, Louisa Jane, who became the wife of J. M. Hughes, of Augusta, and died in 1878. Mrs. Harrison came to Hancock county in 1850 and died in Hamilton in 1901 after more than a half century's residence here. Mrs. Bridges pursued her education in this county and by her marriage became the mother of five children. Louisa Alice, born September 1, 1861, is the wife of Robert Watson, of Hamilton. Martha Ellen, born January 23, 1863, is the wife of Elmer Dennis, of Hamilton. Laura Belle, born April 1, 1866, is the wife of Robert S. Gordon, station agent at Hamilton. Julia Viola, born April 6, 1870, is the wife of Guy Blakeslee, who is a brakeman on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and lives at Hannibal, Missouri. Abbie Ethel, born September 6, 1876, is the wife of Hurley Moore, of Hamilton, who is a brakeman on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad.

Mr. Bridges was one of the organizers of the Building and Loan Association, of Hamilton, Illinois, there being nine men

who formed this company in November, 1888. He was chosen its first president. He has always been interested in matters of public progress and improvement and has co-operated in many movements for the general good. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he has served as alderman of the city for two years and two terms as mayor. He has also been school director and for six years has been a member of the cemetery board. He belongs to Black Hawk Lodge, No. 238, of the Masonic fraternity, the Royal Arch Chapter, to the council and to the Knight Templar Commandery. He is also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, while his religious allegiance is given to the Christian church, of which he is a charter member. His life has been an active and useful one and he has displayed many sterling traits of character which are well worthy of emulation.

He is now serving his twenty-second year as treasurer of Tecumseh Royal Arch Chapter, No. 152, and has started on his forty-fifth year in railroad service, and twenty-fourth year as foreman of the round house and car department at Hamilton, Illinois.

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#### LUCIEN S. REID.

Lucien S. Reid, whose co-operation can always be counted upon as a helpful factor in everything relating to the welfare of

his city, is now editor and proprietor of the Dallas City Review, and has been a well known factor in journalistic circles in this part of the state for a number of years. He was born near Plymouth, in McDonough county, Illinois, November 12, 1860, his parents being L. G. and Cyrena (Doyle) Reid. The father was born in Covington, Kentucky, in 1813, while the mother's birth occurred near Lexington, that state. L. G. Reid was a successful lawyer and about 1847 settled in McDonough county, Illinois, where he lived until 1891, when he removed to Morrill, Kansas. After a year he returned to Illinois, settling at Colchester, McDonough county, where he died in the year 1895. He had for twenty years survived his wife, who passed away in 1875 and was laid to rest in the cemetery near Plymouth, while the grave of Mr. Reid was made in Colchester. He was a democrat in his political views and served for two terms in the Illinois legislature as a representative from his district. He was township supervisor for twenty-two consecutive years and had the respect and unqualified confidence of his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and his loyalty to principle. Fraternally he was connected with the Masonic lodge. In the family were five children, of whom three are now living: Lucien S.; Edward, who resides at Redlands, California; and Harry L., who is in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Company and lives at Mojave, California. After losing his first wife Mr. Reid was married, in 1878, to Miss Lucy E. Tandy, who resided near Fandon, McDonough county.

Lucien S. Reid was a student in the

high school at Plymouth, and afterward attended Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, subsequent to which time he learned the printer's trade, at which he first worked in Plymouth. He afterward went to Beatrice, Nebraska, subsequently to Omaha, Nebraska, completing his trade with the firm of Rand & McNally in Chicago, Illinois. In 1884 he was in Colchester, Illinois, and in August of that year purchased the Colchester Independent from H. F. Stevens but after a week sold it to Van L. Hampton, with whom he remained until the following March, when he purchased the Blandinsville Republican, changing the name of the paper to the Blandinsville Review. He continued its publication until September, 1887, when he took the plant to Dallas City and established the Dallas City Review, which is the first paper that ever survived for six months in this place. He has now continued its publication here for almost twenty years and has made it a profitable investment. The Review is a weekly paper, independent in politics and has a large circulation throughout this and Henderson counties so that it is an excellent advertising medium. In the disastrous fire which swept over Dallas City on the 19th of December, 1905, Mr. Reid lost heavily but in place of the old building on Oak street there has been erected a concrete monolithic building, twenty-five by fifty-two feet, two stories high, of pleasing architectural design. The lower floor will be devoted to office and editorial rooms, composing and press rooms, while the upper floor is designed and finished for his residence. He has installed modern methods, including a

good cylinder press with power. It is one of the first buildings of this character in this part of Illinois. In connection with the publication of the paper Mr. Reid does all kinds of first class job printing and tablet work. The Review has always been very progressive and has been an influential factor in the upbuilding of Dallas, standing as the champion of every movement or measure calculated to prove of direct benefit to the city. His new office will be equipped with all modern machinery and in the management of his business Mr. Reid is thoroughly progressive and in fact has been the leader in the adoption of many new ideas that have been advanced in the world. He owned the first gasoline engine used for motive power in Dallas City and also owned the first gasoline launch in the town. He is practical in his ideas and successful in his undertakings, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he begins. In connection with his other business interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers State Exchange Bank of which he was one of the organizers.

On the 16th of January, 1887, Mr. Reid was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Roberts, who was born in Colchester, Illinois, June 20, 1865, a daughter of Edward and Susanna (Bayless) Roberts, the former a native of Wales, and the latter of England. Her father was engineer of the works of the Quincy Coal Company, at Colchester, Illinois, for a long period but both he and his wife have now passed away, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Colchester. In their family were five children, of whom four are living: Lennie, the wife of John

Jones, who resides in Cambridge, Ohio; Sarah, the wife of Thomas Moss, also of Cambridge; Mrs. Eliza Tandy, the widow of W. W. Tandy and a resident of Colchester; and Mrs. Reid. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reid has been born a daughter, Velna, who was born in Dallas City, March 14, 1892, and is now a student in the Dallas City high school. In addition to his business property Mr. Reid owns several vacant lots in Dallas City. In politics he is a democrat and in 1890 and 1891 served as mayor of Dallas City, proving a capable executive officer, whose efforts in behalf of public progress were effective and far-reaching. He is a Mason and also a member of Hancock Lodge, No. 56, Knights of Pythias, of which he is the present chancellor, while his wife is a devoted member of the Congregational church. A man of strong convictions, he is practical in his ideas, yet determined in his course. He possesses a genial, social disposition, appreciative of the worth and work of others and has ready recognition for all movements or enterprises of general benefit to the community. Both he and his wife have scores of warm friends, and during the years of their residence in Dallas City have long occupied a prominent position in social circles here.

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#### HENRY GILLHAM.

Henry Gillham is a worthy representative of a prominent pioneer family of Hancock county and his own record has

added lustre to an untarnished family name. He was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, January 3, 1827, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Walker) Gillham, the former a native of the Blue Grass state, and the latter of Pennsylvania. Robert Gillham devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, and on the 11th of April, 1837, arrived at Warsaw, Illinois. Soon afterward he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Walker township, for which he paid the government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre. Not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made upon the place and he built a little log cabin, in which he lived in true pioneer style, enjoying much happiness there, at the same time sharing in the hardships and privations incident to the establishment of a home on the frontier. The plows of that day had wooden mold boards and the sickle and scythe were leading features of the farm machinery. Mr. Gillham of this review has driven ox teams before a plow turning a twenty-four inch furrow, and he has broken more land than any other man of the county, thus contributing in large measure toward the agricultural development and improvement of this part of the state. His father was a democrat in his political allegiance and in matters of citizenship relating to the community was progressive and enterprising. He died and was buried in Missouri but the mother was laid to rest in Walker township. Of their family of eleven children five are yet living: Henry; America, the wife of Hiram Cobel, of California; Cynthia A., the wife of Jason Marsh, of California; Sarah E.,

the wife of William Dooley, of Missouri; and E. D. Gillham, of Warsaw.

Henry Gillham, brought to Illinois when Hancock county was still a pioneer district, was educated in a little log building in Walker township, where school was conducted on the subscription plan. His advantages were necessarily limited because of the condition of the school system at that period. His training at farm labor, however, was not meager and he early took his place in the fields, working from early dawn until after sunset in order to open up a new farm on which the family had located and further continued its development. He remained with his parents until he had reached his majority.

In October, 1849, was celebrated the marriage of Henry Gillham and Miss Mary Jane Ewing, who was born in Brown county, Ohio, September 8, 1828, a daughter of Jackson and Catherine (Turner) Ewing, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work in connection with the sketch of John P. Ewing. The young couple began their domestic life upon his father's farm in Walker township, where they remained for three years and then removed to a farm of forty acres elsewhere in the township. Mr. Gillham purchased this property and resided there for eleven and a half years. In 1873 he bought one hundred and forty-three acres of land on section 10, Walker township, and has since made his home thereon. He has added to and improved the house until he now has a fine residence and he has also built a substantial barn and two good wood-houses. His attention has been given to general farming and the years have brought him good

crops, and as time has passed he has prospered. In addition to the home place he also owns fifty-five acres of good land on section 11. Moreover, he and his estimable wife have reared a family of ten children, of whom seven are now living: Mary Frances is at home with her parents. Melvina Angeline is the wife of John L. Brew, lives near Carthage and has three children; Lewis Brew, who married Clara Van Valer and has one child, Hazel May; Ida Brew, the wife of Edward Newman, who lives in Carthage and by whom she has two children, Lee and Lloyd; and Eli Brew, who lives in Nebraska, is married and has one daughter, Elizabeth Pearl. Elizabeth A. Gillham, the third member of the family, is the widow of William Atkinson, and has one child, Arlie Ann. Sarah Gillham is the wife of Charles Thompson, of Chili township, and has three children; Henry, who married Lizzie Herbert, by whom he has one child, and lives in Colorado; Ira, who married Nellie Hill and lives near Bowen, Illinois; and Horace Elmer. Jane Gillham is the wife of William Henry Smith, living near Bowen, Illinois, and they have four children, Dee, Fannie, Nona and Niti Ellen. John Gillham married Tena Wenhamer, lives in Nebraska and has seven children, Walter, Charles, George, Eddie, Jessie, Clara and Addie. Roscoe, who resides at West Point, Illinois, married Martha Rampley and has four children, Mabel, Lela, Vera and Harold. Ellen is the wife of Arthur Randall, of Nebraska, and has three children, Ruth L., Earl and Loy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillham hold membership in the Christian church in the work of which they are deeply interested,

while to its support they contribute generously according to their means. Mr. Gillham is a democrat and served continuously as school director from the age of twenty-one years until 1900, when he refused to fill the office longer. He is truly a self-made man, for, after paying the minister and for the license at the time of his marriage he had remaining only two dollars and a quarter. With this the young couple started out in life together. They possessed stout hearts, however, and willing hands, and their ambition and united efforts have constituted the secret of their success. They have done well as the years have passed by and now have many comforts in life. At the same time they have found opportunity to do many kindnesses and to extend hospitality to many friends. In the fifty-seven years of their married life no one has ever been turned from their door hungry or empty-handed. Both represent prominent old families of the county but it is their sterling personal worth that has so closely endeared them to those with whom they have come in contact.

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#### JOEL WILLIS BRIDGES.

Joel Willis Bridges, who has charge of the steam pump for the Toledo, Peoria & Western, the Wabash railroads at Hamilton, was born in Carroll county, Tennessee, August 7, 1840, his parents being William A. and Louisa Neel (Riding) Bridges. He was the second of a family

of three sons and in his early youth attended the subscription schools of Tennessee for a short time. He afterward accompanied his parents on their removal to Jackson county, Illinois, and two years later the family settled at Augusta, Hancock county. This was in 1854. Mr. Bridges of this review started out to earn his own living when sixteen years of age, working by the month as a farm hand. He was employed at one place for three years and in 1869 he entered the railroad service in the round house at Hamilton, where he continued for a year. Later he worked on the farm and in 1870 he secured the position of engine-wiper. Later he engaged in firing for three years and three months, at the end of which time he was appointed engineer, running an engine for about eighteen months. About that time his health failed and he went into the roundhouse as watchman. In 1881 he was assigned the task of running the steam engine for the Toledo, Peoria & Western and Wabash railroads at Hamilton and he has since acted in that capacity. He owns several houses and lots in Hamilton, having made judicious investment of his earnings in real estate and his property interests bring him a good return.

On the 5th of January, 1868, Mr. Bridges was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Ann Garwood, who was born in Jasper county, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Richards) Garwood. The father was a native of Ohio and the mother of Tennessee. Her death occurred March 2, 1905, and two children were left to mourn her loss: William Thomas, now an engineer on the Toledo,

Peoria & Western Railroad, residing in Peoria, Illinois; and Lottie Charlotte, who is a stenographer and bookkeeper in the Parker Company department store of Hamilton and makes her home with her father. There were two other children: Charles Wesley, who died in September, 1877, at the age of three years; and James Elbert, who died December 6, 1894, at the age of twenty-three years. Mr. Bridges started out in life with very few advantages, educational or otherwise, but has made the most of his opportunities and has worked earnestly and energetically and, as stated, he has made judicious use of his funds, thus becoming the owner of considerable desirable property in Hamilton. He has been a resident of Hancock county for a half century. He holds membership in the Christian church and gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He has served as school director, as alderman from the first ward from 1896 until 1904 and has been again elected on his own platform, a fact which indicates that he has given able service as one of the "city fathers." Fraternally he is connected with Black Hawk Lodge, No. 238, of the Masons, having taken the degrees of the Blue lodge, chapter and of the Eastern Star.

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#### LOUIS LAMET.

Louis Lamet, one of the able members of the Hancock county bar living in Warsaw, who with comprehensive knowledge

of the principles of jurisprudence together with unflinching devotion to his clients' interests, has gained a large practice, was born December 28, 1874, in the city which is yet his home. His parents were Julian and Eloise (Sylvester) Lamet. At the usual age the son entered the public schools, passing through successive grades until he had completed the high school course. He afterward engaged in teaching in the district schools of the county for three winter terms and then ambitious for further intellectual training, he entered the University of Illinois and was graduated from the law department on the 12th of June, 1901. About a year after he entered upon the practice of his chosen profession in Carthage but soon returned to his native town and entered into partnership with Mr. Plantz, an association which has since been maintained. The firm occupy a prominent place at the Hancock county bar. In the trial of cases Mr. Lamet prepares his cause with great thoroughness and care and in the courtroom is found strong in argument, logical in his deductions and correct in his application of the legal principles.

On the 10th of January, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Louis Lamet and Miss Amice Magdalena Lemaire, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lemaire. They now have one son, Leon. Politically Mr. Lamet is a democrat, firm in support of the party and thoroughly conversant with the issues which divide the two great national political organizations. He was appointed to the office of city attorney in 1905 and is now acting in that capacity. In 1902 he became a



member of the Modern Woodmen camp, in which he has held the office of consul. Prompted by laudable ambition he has made for himself a creditable name in legal circles and as a citizen is recognized as one who has given tangible support to many movements for the general good and whose influence for public progress is far-reaching and beneficial.

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#### MARCELLUS T. CHENOWETH.

Marcellus T. Chenoweth, who is engaged in merchandising at Hickory Ridge, is a native of Virginia, his birth having occurred near Beverley in Randolph county, on October 3, 1842. His parents were A. W. and Hannah (Taggart) Chenoweth, the former born in Randolph county and the latter in Monroe county, Virginia, the years of their nativity being 1819 and 1822 respectively. A. W. Chenoweth was a carpenter by trade, and in the year 1852 removed with his family from the Old Dominion to Hancock county, Illinois, living for several years in Warsaw, after which he located in Walker township in 1857. At the time of the Civil war he joined the Seventh Missouri Cavalry and served until disabled in 1864. He participated in the battle of Lone Jack, Ozark Mountain and other engagements in that section of the country. The family numbered seven children, of whom three are now living: M. T.; Sarah, the wife of Alfred Lomax, of Warsaw, Illinois; and Vir-

ginia, the wife of John Rigg, of Springfield, this state. The father died October 31, 1865, and the mother in June, 1887, their remains being interred in Walker township.

M. T. Chenoweth began his education at St. Marys, Virginia, afterward continued his studies in Ohio, in Warsaw, Illinois and in Bloomfield, Iowa. He enlisted in 1864 in the Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry as a member of Company E, and served until the 31st of October, 1865, the day his father died. He was on active duty near the southern portion of the Mississippi river and was present at the capture of Mobile. He had an uncle, William Chenoweth, who was a soldier in the Confederate army in the Civil war, while his great-grandfather, John Chenoweth, was a soldier of the Revolution. Following his return home M. T. Chenoweth remained with his mother until after his sisters were married.

In 1871 Mr. Chenoweth wedded Miss Mary Isabella Rankin, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1844, a daughter of James and Sarah (Laughlin) Rankin, natives of Kentucky, whence they came to Illinois in January, 1834. They lived in Adams county until 1848 and then settled upon a farm in Walker township, Hancock county. The father died in 1864, and the mother, long surviving him, departed this life in 1898. Both were buried in Adams county. In their family were seven children but only two are living: William Rankin, a resident of Breckenridge, Illinois; and Mrs. Chenoweth.

Following his marriage Mr. Chenoweth

located in Warsaw, where he worked at the carpenter's trade, which he had learned under the direction of his father. He was thus identified with building operations until 1884, when he removed to Breckenridge, where he purchased a store, becoming proprietor of the leading mercantile establishment of the village. He has bought two stores since locating here and has combined them. He now has a large and well equipped establishment, carrying a carefully selected line of general goods and he has secured a liberal patronage which is well merited.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth was born a daughter, Claudia, who died at the age of nine years, and was buried in the family lot in Walker township. Her death was the greatest sorrow that has ever come to her parents. Mrs. Chenoweth is a member of the Christian church and is an estimable lady. Mr. Chenoweth, active in business and progressive in citizenship, is regarded as one of the valued residents of this part of the county. In politics he is a republican and for eighteen years he served as postmaster, or until the rural free delivery route was established. He owns three acres of land and lives in Hickory Ridge, and he has remodeled and repaired both his store and house and is now comfortably situated in life. An analyzation of his record shows that his prosperity is the legitimate outcome of earnest labor and persistent purpose and that he is entirely a self-made man. He is now conducting a good and paying business and all acknowledge that the success which he is enjoying is well merited, and all his friends are glad when Fortune favors him.

#### HIRAM B. KINKADE.

Hiram B. Kinkade, who follows farming near Hamilton, was born in St. Albans township, Hancock county, on the 3d of February, 1858, and attended the district schools, while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof. His paternal grandparents were George W. and Elizabeth (Trainer) Kinkade, both of whom were natives of Virginia. They became early settlers of Hancock county, but in the meantime had resided in Hardin county, Kentucky, where occurred the birth of Lorenzo D. Kinkade, father of our subject. He married Miss Harriet Stewart, who was born in Wabash county, Indiana, a daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Bullard) Stewart, who were likewise pioneer residents of this county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Kinkade was celebrated at the residence of his wife's father about 1840 and they afterward removed to St. Clair county, Illinois, and subsequently lived in Adams county, Illinois, for a time. At a later date they went to Missouri, taking up their abode near Kirksville and in 1856 they came to Hancock county, Mr. Kinkade purchasing forty acres of unimproved timber land. He cleared and cultivated the tract, making many modern improvements upon it and there resided until 1872, when he sold that place to his son. He afterward lived with his children up to the time of his death, which occurred January 16, 1879, when he was fifty-five years of age. His widow still survives and makes her home with her children in this county, and she is honored by all who know her.

Hiram B. Kinkade was the seventh in order of birth in a family of six sons and five daughters. He was reared upon the old home farm and resided with his parents until his father's death, after which his mother lived with him until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. He began his business career upon rented farms in this locality and in 1896 he purchased eight acres of land in the Oakwood addition to Hamilton. Upon this tract was a small brick house, which he has since rebuilt. He also has put up barns and a tenant house and has given much attention to horticultural pursuits, planting about sixty apple trees and the same number of peach trees. He also has pear and plum trees, grapes and other fruit upon his place and is meeting with excellent success in the raising of fruit, having thoroughly informed himself concerning the best methods of producing the various fruits, to which he gives his time and attention.

On the 28th of December, 1886, Mr. Kinkade was married in Emporia, Kansas, to Miss Emma Samsel, who was born in Ogle county, Illinois, March 28, 1866. Her parents being Ephraim and Tracy (Rohrer) Samsel, who were natives of Washington county, Maryland. Her grandparents were Jacob and Susan (Whip) Samsel, natives of Maryland, and John and Susan (Poffenbarger) Rohrer. Her parents were members of the Christian church.

In his political views Mr. Kinkade is a democrat and in 1903 and 1904 was a member of the city council of Hamilton. He belongs to Montebello lodge, No. 697, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Active in business, he has made good use of his opportunities and is prospering in his undertakings, so that he is now one of the substantial citizens of the community.

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#### WILLIAM H. D. NOYES, M. D.

On the list of Hancock county's honored dead appears the name of Dr. William H. D. Noyes, who for many years was recognized as one of the prominent members of the medical profession in Carthage. His parents were Michael J. and Elitha (Tate) Noyes, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Rock Castle county, Kentucky. Dr. Noyes was born in Bowling Green, Missouri, January 24, 1834, and was reared in Pittsfield, Illinois, to which city his parents removed in his early boyhood days, his father and mother spending the remainder of their lives there. In their family were twelve children, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of John Noyes, who is still living in Pittsfield.

Dr. Noyes acquired his preliminary education in the schools of Pittsfield and after completing the high school course entered Shurtleff College, at Upper Alton, Illinois. His literary education being finished he then prepared for his chosen profession by study in the Missouri Medical College, at St. Louis, from which he was a graduated in the class of 1861. In the same year, however, he put aside professional cares in order to aid his country then engaged in the Civil war, joining

Company K of the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry. He was with that command for only a few months, however, when he was transferred to the navy as assistant surgeon on the Bark *Braziliera* from the Brooklyn navyyard. Later he was transferred to the steamer *Southfield*, also doing service on the Atlantic coast. This vessel proceeded southward to Norfolk, Virginia, and up the James river. Mrs. Noyes still has in her possession the letter from John G. Nicholay, private secretary to President Lincoln, transferring Dr. Noyes from the infantry to the navy. He had the rank of lieutenant and messed with the wardroom officers. In December, 1862, on account of ill health he was at home for a short time and afterward went to St. Louis, where he did duty in the Fifth Street Hospital and later, on the hospital steamer "*City of Memphis*" on the Mississippi river, where he again acted as surgeon, remaining on duty until the latter part of 1863.

Following his connection with the army Dr. Noyes practiced medicine for a year in Pittsfield and in 1864 removed to Carthage, where he continued in active practice until his demise. He was in ill health, however, for several years prior to his death and he passed away at Hot Springs, South Dakota on the 12th of June, 1894. He was long accounted one of the leading and able physicians of Carthage and for many years resided on Wabash avenue and Fayette street. He always kept well informed concerning the progress of his profession as advancement was made in efficiency and knowledge, and that his labors were attended with a high measure of success is indicated by

the fact that a most liberal patronage was accorded him.

Dr. Noyes was married in the fall of 1863 to Miss Lizzie Lynde, of Griggsville, Illinois, in which city she was born. They had no children but adopted a daughter, who is now Mrs. D. G. Berry, of Carthage, Illinois, and has one child, Catherine. Mrs. Noyes died in July, 1872 and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Griggsville, where she was visiting at the time of her death. Dr. Noyes afterward married Miss Laura Miller on the 27th of October, 1874. She was born in Huntsville, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1849, and was a daughter of Captain Thomas C. and Martha Mary (McCulloch) Miller. The ancestors of the Miller family came from Scotland, settling in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1720. Her great-great-grandfather was John Miller. He was a most prominent and influential man of his day and married Isabella Henry, a sister of the father of Patrick Henry, whose eloquence did so much in arousing the colonists to make the attempt to throw off the yoke of British oppression. Isabella Henry Miller died a few months before her husband and both lie buried in the cemetery, which thirty years before he had dedicated to "ye congregation of the Presbyterian church" of Neshaminy. He was also a large landowner in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. William Miller, Jr., great-grandfather of Mrs. Noyes, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, having the following record: Appointed ensign June 9, 1776, first lieutenant March 20, 1777, captain on February 2, 1778, and colonel April 17, 1779, in the Seventh Pennsylvania Regu-

lars commanded by Captain William Irvine. He also commanded at the battle of Hackinsack and was camped at White Plains in 1778. His regiment was paid off at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in April, 1781. His father-in-law was Colonel Thomas Craig, also of Revolutionary war fame. He was second lieutenant in Captain Abraham Miller's company, Colonel Thompson's battalion of riflemen. In November, 1775, he was promoted to first lieutenant and quartermaster of the battalion; afterwards as quartermaster of the Ninth Pennsylvania of the Continental Line. In 1780 he was commissary of purchases for Buck's company. He was born in 1740, passing from this life in 1832. He was married in 1790 to Dorothy Briner.

General T. C. Miller, grandfather of Mrs. Noyes, was a resident of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and served in the war of 1812. He also had brothers who were in active duty during that war and one or two died in prison ships, one passing away on the Jersey. General T. C. Miller was a warm, personal friend of Francis Scott Key, who was the author of *The Star Spangled Banner*.

From the "Pennsylvania Statesman," published at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1843, on file in Hamilton Library, Carlisle:

(General T. C. Miller was at that time a candidate for associate judge of the district of Cumberland, Franklin and Perry counties.)

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 "General Miller.—We learn from Franklin county that the friends of Gen-

eral Miller are confident of giving him 600 majority. Let Cumberland do her duty and the General will be elected by a handsome majority."

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 GENERAL THOMAS C. MILLER.

The military career of this gentleman deserves some notice, and we think gives him additional claims on the favor of his fellow citizens. A volunteer, who served with the General during the last war, has furnished us with a full history of their services and hardships, from which we shall make a few extracts, in order to show that, whatever the "volunteers" may call General Miller, he has given strong proof that he is at all events, an American and a patriot.

*To the Editors of the Pennsylvania Statesman, Gentlemen:—*

I am not in the habit of dabbling in politics, but when I see the character of a man with whom I have been intimate through life wrongfully assailed and traduced, I can not withhold from him my feeble support.

I have been acquainted with General Miller from the late war to the present day, and can aver that his whole course of life, which has fallen under my observation from that day to this, has been unexceptionable. Of his civil services I need not speak—neither need I say a word in relation to his character as a man. But I have a soldier's feeling for a fellow-soldier—and I must say that if the man who serves his country faithfully in the hour of danger deserves the gratitude of his countrymen, then will General Miller

in the present contest in your district, be surrounded and supported by a host of friends. I will tell you of some of the services he rendered. In 1814, when the news reached us that the British had burned Washington, he mounted his horse and never ceased his exertions until he had raised a volunteer rifle company, which he marched to Baltimore in forty-eight hours. Besides leaving his home and business, he incurred considerable expense in raising and marching the company, for which he never asked or received remuneration, further than his monthly pay. The night after the battle of North Point, the main body of our army having been driven back into their entrenchments, a fragment of the army was cut off from the main body by the rising of the tide in an arm of the bay, and could not reach the entrenchments without passing through the British lines; they were, moreover, destitute of provisions, and were in a very bad way. In this emergency Colonel Cobean rode along the line and asked who would volunteer to go and bring the men up? Many marched out and offered, but General Smith and Commodore Rogers forbade their going, saying that every man would be wanted in the morning. Part of Captain Miller's company being among those cut off, he and William McClellan, now of Gettysburg, although the night was wet and dark, procured horses, and each taking a bag of bread and some canteens of whiskey, stole through the lines of the British sentinels, reached the men, and after giving them something to eat and drink, marched them safely by a circuitous route into the American quarters before daylight.

For this daring feat the General was nicknamed *Jasper* and McClellan was called *McDonald*, after two famous partisan soldiers of the Revolution—in truth among his fellow-soldiers General Miller is, to this day, called Old Jasper. His conduct throughout the whole campaign met the approbation of his companions in arms, and he was elected by a unanimous vote major of the battalion composed of his own company. Captain Cobean's company of Gettysburg, Captain Campbell's company of Gettysburg, Captain Eichelberger's company of Dillsburg, Captain \_\_\_\_\_'s company of Peach Bottom and Captain McKinney's company of Shippensburg, very many members of which companies are living witnesses of the fact. He has since been elected to several important military offices in his brigade. Immediately after the close of the last war, he was elected colonel of the Eighty-sixth Regiment at Gettysburg. When his term expired, he was elected brigade inspector and after that was twice elected brigadier general, which commission I believe he held until his removal into Cumberland county in 1840.

As a politician, I differ in some respects from General Miller, but I have so much confidence in the patriotism and integrity of the man, and so many good reasons to believe him the true friend of his country, that I am sorry I am not a citizen of your district, so that I might be able to give him a lift at the next election.

Signed,

A VOLUNTEER OF 1814.

He was elected.

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Daniel Craig, one of the great-grand-

fathers of Mrs. Noyes in the paternal line, died in 1776. Of this family Colonel Thomas Craig, son of Daniel Craig, received his commission October 23, 1776, as captain in the Revolutionary war and rose to the rank of colonel. He married Jean Jamison and his daughter, Margaree, married William Miller, great-grandfather of Mrs. Noyes, who founded Millerstown, now Fairfield, Pennsylvania, and was for many years representative and senator of a district in the state legislature and was a very prominent and influential man. In the fall of 1814, T. C. Miller raised a rifle company and marched to Washington to defend the city after it had been attacked by the British. He was elected a few years later, brigade inspector of the military section, performing his duties with capability and honor and was afterward general of his division. In 1824 he was elected high sheriff of the county and in 1835 he was appointed by Governor Wolf registrar and recorder to fill a vacancy in that office. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and at his death was buried with military honors, the remains being escorted to the grave by a military organization known as "the Blues" and also by the fraternal societies to which he belonged and a great majority of the citizens of Gettysburg. He owned at one time the ground on which Evergreen cemetery (a part of National cemetery) at Gettysburg was laid out. Mrs. Noyes has in her possession a large oil painting of this honored ancestor, which was made in colonial times and which she prizes very highly.

Captain Thomas C. Miller, father of Mrs. Noyes, was born in Gettysburg,

Pennsylvania, July 1, 1827, and having arrived at years of maturity wedded Mary McCulloch, who was born in Dickinson, Pennsylvania, July 22, 1826. He served as a soldier of Company F, Seventh Missouri Cavalry, in the Civil war and won the rank of captain but was obliged to resign on account of an attack of typhoid fever, after which he returned home. He re-enlisted, becoming a lieutenant of Company K, One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois Infantry. His regiment rendezvoused at Camp Butler and was on duty at Springfield, Illinois, at the time of the funeral services of President Lincoln. Captain Miller died June 21, 1905, and was buried at Moss Ridge cemetery in Carthage. For a number of years prior to his death he lived retired and was a most respected and worthy man, who enjoyed the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His widow died March 22, 1906. In the family four children: Laura, now Mrs. Noyes; J. Oliver, who is living in Baconsfield, Iowa; Anna, the wife of R. Herron Johnson, of Adams, Kansas; and Margaretta, the wife of Rev. T. S. Hawley, of Trinidad, Colorado.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Noyes were born five children, four of whom yet survive. Fannie is living with her mother. Mary Coyle is the wife of Ralph Harper McKee, professor of chemistry at Lake Forest University near Chicago. Helen Miller is now a teacher of languages at Synodical College, at Fulton, Missouri. Julia Tate was a graduate of Wilson College at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1906.

Dr. Noyes was a prominent and valued

member of the Masonic fraternity, serving as master of his lodge in Carthage for many years. In his political views he was an earnest and unfaltering republican, and was supervisor and for two terms was postmaster at Carthage. Not only in the line of his profession but in public and private life as well he did much service of a beneficial nature for his fellow-men. The sterling traits of his character, his many acts of kindness and charity and the honorable principles which formed the basic element of all that he did and said, made him a man whom to know was to respect and honor, and there are many residents of Carthage and Hancock county who still cherish his memory. His wife and daughters are members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Noyes organized the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the fall of 1897 and was regent therein for three years. She is a lady of innate culture and refinement, of superior intelligence and of most kindly purpose and the family have long occupied an enviable position in social circles in Carthage.

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#### PROFESSOR JAMES E. WILLIAMS.

Professor James E. Williams, superintendent of schools of Hancock county and one of the capable educators of western Illinois, was born in Hancock township, October 11, 1859, his parents being P. D. and M. A. (Dale) Williams. The paternal grandfather, Rev. Levi Williams,

was a Methodist divine, who preached for many years in Hancock county and this part of the state. While in New York the Williams family were close neighbors of the Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith. Rev. Levi Williams married a Miss Barnes, whose father was a sergeant in the war of 1812. The ancestry of the Williams family can be traced back to Roger Williams, the apostle of freedom, who founded the colony of Rhode Island. The father of our subject was born in Wayne county, New York, May 2, 1836, while the mother's birth occurred in Hancock township, this county, on the 12th of February, 1840. P. D. Williams arrived in this county in 1837, almost seventy years ago and is now engaged in business as a shoe merchant of La Harpe, Illinois. Because of the fact that he lost a part of his hand in a threshing machine he could not go to war but was always a stalwart advocate of the Union cause. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as justice of the peace and school director. Both he and his wife are earnest and helpful members of the Christian church, in which he is now serving as an elder and also as president of the official board. People of the highest respectability, they enjoy the warm regard of all with whom they have come in contact and are numbered among the most prominent residents of their town. She at one time was a pupil of her husband when he was a teacher in Hancock county. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree. In their family were nine children. The eldest is Professor Williams of this review.



Emma, who taught in the district schools of Hancock county for three or four years, is now the wife of J. M. Preston, of Fountain Green, Illinois. Ida is the wife of W. F. Moyes, of Monmouth, Illinois, and she, too, was a successful teacher of this county, having been in one room for seven years in Elvaston. Laura is the wife of George B. Howes, of Peoria, Illinois, and she, too, taught for several years in Hancock county, spending two years in the public schools of Carthage. Charles C. is now foreman of the Journal at Peoria, Illinois. Mary, who was also a capable schoolteacher following the profession for seven years in the public schools of La Harpe, is now the wife of E. I. Soule of that town. Kate, who taught for five years in the schools of La Harpe, is now a teacher in Bowen, Illinois.

Professor Williams, whose name introduces this record, remained at home until nineteen years of age and during that period pursued his education in the public schools. He afterward entered Carthage College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1885, winning the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Like his father he began life as a schoolteacher, which profession he followed at Elvaston, where his sister also taught for a number of years. Professor Williams was connected with the schools there in 1883. Following the completion of his collegiate course he taught school at Camp Point, Illinois, having charge of the preparatory department there. In 1886 he took charge of the Burnside school and at the same time he devoted his time and energies to the study of law. The same year he was

elected superintendent of the public schools at Ness City, Kansas, and organized and graded the schools of that city, where he remained for four years, during which time he established the system of public instruction upon a safe and substantial basis. In 1892 he removed to La-crosse, Kansas, where he remained for two years as superintendent of the public schools, leaving that place to settle in La-Harpe, Illinois, where he was engaged in the dry goods business. He conducted a store there for several years with good success and was carrying on the trade at the time he was nominated and elected to his present office—that of superintendent of schools of Hancock county. While in La Harpe he was also a member of the board of education for several years and acted as its president for two years. The cause of education has always found in him a stalwart champion, who has entertained high ideals and labored untiringly for their adoption.

On the 13th of June, 1892, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Daisy K. Brown, of Ness City, Kansas, who was at one time a pupil of his in the high school. She is a daughter of Captain J. W. and Catherine (Kouts) Brown, both of whom were natives of Indiana, in which state Mrs. Williams was also born. Her father served as a captain under Major McKinley in the Civil war and was personally and intimately acquainted with him. He was also a relative of John Brown, of Harper's Ferry fame. His death occurred in March, 1892, while Mrs. Brown passed away twenty-five years ago. In their family were five children, all of whom are living,

namely: Effie, the wife of A. W. Nussom, of Gervais, Oregon; Mrs. Williams; George W., also of Gervais, Oregon; Cora, the wife of W. A. Brooks, of that place; and Helen, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Williams and is a teacher in the schools of West Point. Unto Professor and Mrs. Williams have been born two children: Ralph Brown, who was born in La Harpe, December 13, 1895, and is now a student in the public schools of Carthage; and Philip, who was born April 9, 1903, in Carthage.

Professor Williams is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities and both he and his wife are members of the Christian church, in which they take an active and helpful part. He is now serving as one of its elders and has been superintendent of various Sunday-schools. The family home is on North Adams and Buchanan street, where about a year after coming to this state he erected an attractive residence. His political allegiance is given to the democracy. In his private and public life he is methodical and systematic, so directing his business interests as to accomplish the best results possible. He has given uniform satisfaction by the capable manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office which he is now filling. His practical experience as a teacher in the schoolroom well qualified him for the work and under his guidance the schools of Hancock county have made substantial improvements. Professor Williams is devoted to his home and family and is one in whom the graces of culture and learning have vied in making an interesting, entertaining gentleman.

#### DAYTON WILLIAM REED.

Dayton William Reed is one of the extensive landowners of Wythe township, having a valuable farm of three hundred and seventy-four acres on sections 16, 17, 18 and 19. He is one of the native sons of this township, his birth having occurred on the 30th of September, 1854. His paternal grandfather was Jacob Reed, and his father, William Wallace Reed. The latter became a pioneer resident of Hancock county, taking up his abode in Wythe township in 1836 when but sixteen years of age. He secured three hundred and twenty acres of wild prairie land and transformed the virgin soil into productive fields, sharing in the hardships and privations of pioneer life, while engaged in the arduous task of developing and improving a new farm. For more than six decades he resided upon the old homestead but in 1898 went to live with his daughter in this vicinity. In early manhood he had wedded Selena Chandler, a daughter of Adolphus Chandler, and she passed away in 1866.

Dayton W. Reed was the second child and only son in a family of five children. At the usual age he entered the district schools and after completing his preliminary education he spent one year as a student in Carthage College. Through the period of his minority he largely assisted his father in the work of the fields, and when twenty-one years of age he began teaching school in Wythe township, following that pursuit during the winter months, while in the summer seasons he carried on farming for twelve years. In the meantime, ambitious to achieve good

farming property of his own, he made investments in land, becoming owner of three hundred and twenty acres on sections 17 and 18, Wythe township. He also bought eighty acres more on section 16, and since 1894 he has resided continuously at his present home. His landed possessions now comprise three hundred and seventy-four acres on section 16, 17, 18 and 19, Wythe township, where he carries on general agricultural pursuits, also raises horses and cattle. He likewise feeds stock, both cattle and hogs for the market, shipping about two hundred head of hogs annually. He is a man of sound business judgment, reliable in his dealings and careful and progressive in his undertakings and the goodly measure of success which he is now enjoying has come to him as the reward of his own labors.

On the 10th of March, 1881, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Laura Fulton, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 9, 1857, a daughter of Robert and Harriett (Trussell) Fulton, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania and of New Hampshire respectively. Her paternal grandparents were William and Nancy Fulton, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have a family of eight children: Harriett, born January 30, 1882; Harry, who died in infancy; Clara, born May 3, 1885; Frank, who died at the age of two years; Jessie, born March 16, 1889; Gratia, November 2, 1891; Laura, December 15, 1893; and Robert, April 29, 1896. All of the living children are still at home. Mr. Reed has served as school treasurer since 1894 and is interested in the cause of education to the extent of giving hearty

support to all progressive movements for the benefit of the schools. He votes with the Republican party and is a member of the Modern Woodmen camp at Warsaw, also holding membership in the Congregational church of Wythe township, of which he has been a trustee. Analyzation of his life record shows that he has placed his dependence upon the safe substantial qualities of energy and determination in order to secure success, realizing that "there is no excellence without great labor" and that "honesty is the best policy."

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#### ROBERT SMITH GORDON.

Robert Smith Gordon is acting as station agent for the Wasbashi Railroad and also for the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad at Hamilton. He was born here December 10, 1866, and belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of this portion of the state. His paternal grandfather came to where the city of Hamilton now stands more than seven decades ago, there being fewer than five hundred people in the entire county at that time. He entered one hundred and sixty acres of land from the government and it is upon this tract that the city of Hamilton now stands. He aided in reclaiming the wild land for the uses of civilization and was connected with the early development and progress of the county here until his death, which occurred in 1846, while his wife passed away in 1848. In their family were but

two sons, the younger being Samuel Gordon, father of our subject, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. \*Samuel Gordon was born in Peterboro, New Hampshire, and after arriving at years of maturity was married to Miss Permelia Alvord, who was born in Erie county, Pennsylvania. Her father was a Baptist minister of that state and came to Hamilton at an early day, preaching in this place and in the county, so that he left the impress of his individuality upon the moral development and progress of the community. Samuel Gordon on starting out in life on his own account gave his attention to farming. He also laid out the Gordon addition to the city of Hamilton and was closely associated with many movements and events which have shaped the history of this part of the state. He was school director of Hamilton district, No. 3, and was city clerk for about four years. He was also alderman of the second ward for six years and his co-operation could always be counted upon as a helpful factor to promote public progress and improvement. He died October 2, 1901, while his wife passed away September 19, 1890. She left a family of four daughters and two sons: Eleanor, who is a Unitarian minister located in Des Moines, Iowa; John A., a book merchant of Hamilton, Illinois; Alice A., and Agnes C., who make their home together in the old homestead; and Mabel B., a teacher in the public schools of Hamilton.

The other member of the family is Robert Smith Gordon of this review, who was the fifth in order of birth. In his youth he attended the public schools and

assisted his father in the work of the home farm. At the age of seventeen years he put aside his textbooks and gave his undivided attention to farm labor and on the 1st of May, 1886, he secured the position of station agent for the Wabash and Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroads at Hamilton, in which capacity he has since been engaged. He is a courteous, obliging official, who has won the good will of many patrons of the road and at the same time he represents the corporation with true fidelity and devotion. He is likewise president of the Loan and Building Associations of Hamilton, which was organized in 1889, while since 1901 he has filled the present position. The other officers are A. B. Agnew, vice president; J. A. Gordon, secretary; and E. M. LeRoy, treasurer.

On the 2d of October, 1903, Mr. Gordon was united in marriage to Miss Laura B. Bridges, who was born in Hamilton, April 1, 1866, and is a daughter of W. C. Bridges. They had one child, Laura Ellen, born December 20, 1904, who died in June, 1905. Mr. Gordon has a very wide acquaintance in this part of the county and is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family that has been associated with the substantial development and progress of this section of the state from an early day. In his political affiliation he is a republican and has served as alderman, mayor and township school trustee. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch chapter and Order of the Eastern Star of Hamilton and Knights Templar of Augusta, being very highly appreciated by all the members of each fraternity.

## CHARLES W. BOSTON.

Charles W. Boston, who carries on farming in Carthage, his native township, was born January 13, 1862, his parents being Reuben J. and Sarah J. (Dale) Boston. The father was born in Kentucky and was brought to Illinois by his parents when about eight years of age, the family settling in Hancock county. The grandfather purchased land in Carthage township, where he made a home for himself and family and under the parental roof Reuben Boston was reared to manhood, becoming familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm in a frontier district. After attaining adult age he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Charles W., on section 33, Carthage township, and comprising one hundred and ten acres of rich and productive land. He also bought other property from time to time until he became the owner of five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land all lying in Carthage township. He placed many improvements on these different tracts and made model farms of his property, contributing in large measure to the agricultural progress and prosperity of this part of the state. Throughout his active life he carried on general farming and stock raising and in his later years removed to Carthage, where he lived retired, until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-seven years of age. His life was in consistent harmony with his professions as a member of the Methodist church and he was never known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction. His political allegiance

was given to the democracy. His widow still lives in Carthage at the age of seventy-six years and is a devoted christian woman, holding membership with the Methodist church.

Charles W. Boston acquired his education in the public schools of Carthage township and during the periods of vacation assisted in the home work. He continued to aid in the labors of the farm and following his father's death he assumed its management and is now the owner of two hundred and thirty acres of the old estate upon which he was born. He has made additional improvements here, remodeling the house, and today has a fine farm property equipped with modern accessories and conveniences. Well kept fences divide the place into fields that are devoted to the raising of various cereals best adapted to soil and climate and the latest improved machinery is used in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He also raises high grades of stock, including cattle, hogs and horses, and he feeds cattle quite extensively for market.

Mr. Boston was married June 26, 1884, to Miss Mary Rowena Yetter, a daughter of William Yetter, who is now living a retired life in Carthage. He was born in Ohio seventy-two years ago, and in 1846 came with his parents, Lewis and Sarah (Bear) Yetter to Hancock county. He was a soldier of the One Hundred Eighteenth Illinois Volunter Infantry, and after his return engaged in farming in Carthage township till he returned to Carthage. His wife died in 1895, at the age of fifty-seven years. Mrs. Boston was born in this county near Webster and in that lo-

cality obtained her education. She has become the mother of six children, five of whom are living, namely: Ava May, who was the wife of David R. Kimbrough, a resident farmer of Carthage township, who died September 2, 1896; Golda; Lula; Gaylord; Fern; and Ernest, all at home.

Mr. Boston exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy but has never sought or desired office for himself. He, with his wife and the four eldest children belong to the Baptist church and he has lived an upright life, being found reliable in citizenship, straightforward in his business dealings and honorable in all of his relations with his fellowmen.

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#### FRANCIS M. CUTLER.

This is a utilitarian age and the successful man is he who recognizes his opportunities and utilizes the forces at hand to best advantage. The laggard has no place in the world today and it is pre-eminently true that in America "labor is king." It is therefore the men of diligence, of enterprise and keen business discernment, who are continually working their way to the front and to this class belonged Francis M. Cutler, a grain merchant of Carthage. He was born near this city February 15, 1855, a son of Nathan and Hannah (Ward) Cutler. His father was born on a farm in Erie county, New York, August 3, 1819, and in 1835

took up his abode upon a farm near Canton, Fulton county, Illinois, where he resided until 1852, when he came to Hancock county, settling four miles north of Carthage. There he resided until 1854, when he located upon the farm where the birth of Francis M. Cutler occurred. His wife was born in Wabash county, Indiana, July 27, 1817. Both were consistent members of the Baptist church, in which Mr. Cutler served for a number of years as deacon. His early political support was given to the democracy and he afterward became a stanch prohibitionist because of his views upon the temperance question. He filled the office of township supervisor and was also a member of the school board for several years. The family numbered seven children, of whom three died in infancy, while four are still living, namely: Parkhurst W., a stockman residing near Carthage; James C., living four miles southeast of Carthage, Illinois; Francis M.; and Martha E., the wife of Millard F. Turner, of Oklahoma. The mother died in 1890 and the father in 1898, their remains being laid to rest in Carthage cemetery.

Francis M. Cutler was educated in the district schools of Carthage and in Central college at Pella, Iowa, which he attended for two years. He was trained to all the work of the home farm and subsequently settled upon a farm of his own southeast of Carthage. There for many years he successfully and energetically carried on general agricultural pursuits, but in 1891 retired from his farming operations and was afterward engaged in the grain trade at Carthage. He dealt in grain in large quantities, having the only



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elevator in Carthage, and his business furnished an excellent market for the farmers. His elevator had a capacity of twenty thousand bushels and in the conduct of the business Mr. Cutler met with very gratifying success. After September, 1904, he also conducted a real estate and emigration agency, making trips with people to the southwest and locating for them farms in Kansas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, but mostly in Oklahoma.

In 1882 Mr. Cutler wedded Mary E. Harnest, a native of this county and a daughter of Samuel E. Harnest, of Carthage. She died May 13, 1895, leaving a son who died at the age of seventeen years. On the 18th of November, 1897, Mr. Cutler wedded Mrs. Ida Byington, (nee Talbot), who was born on a farm near Roseville, Illinois, and by her former marriage had a daughter, Nellie, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, and is now, at the age of eighteen years, attending Shurtleff College at Upper Alton, Illinois. She was also a student in the Woman's College at Jacksonville, Illinois, for two years and is making a specialty of the study of music. Mrs. Cutler was the widow of Charles E. Byington, who was a dealer in hats and men's furnishing goods in Burlington, Iowa, and a son of Judge Byington, of Iowa City, Iowa. Mrs. Cutler bore the maiden name of Ida Talbot and was a daughter of John Talbot, a soldier of the Civil war, who enlisted from Illinois. In his business life he was an attorney at Galesburg, Illinois. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cutler. In December, 1905, Mr.

Cutler moved his family to an elegant new modern residence on Main street. His business interests were most carefully conducted, his efforts being discerningly directed along well defined lines of labor that resulted in the acquirement of gratifying success. In his political views he was a prohibitionist and worked with the party for the past twelve or fourteen years. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church and in its different activities Mrs. Cutler was most helpful. She is a teacher in the Sunday school, president of the missionary society and is likewise vice president of the P. E. O. In the city where they resided both were held in high esteem and their friends were many, while the hospitality of their own home was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Cutler passed away August 10, 1906, and is buried at Moss Ridge cemetery. Mr. Cutler was highly esteemed by his fellowmen for his christian manhood, his generous nature, his quiet benevolence, and his devotion to family and friends. While friends may think on his departure with sorrowful regret, it is the home that grief has its abiding place. Only last December they moved into their beautiful new home on Main street. With everything worth living for bound up in that little family circle, death has come and it can be no more the same. But with grief abides also christian faith and fortitude, and no words of consolation need be expressed to those who already appreciate the value of the precious promises given by our Creator as recorded in the Scriptures both in the Old and New Testament.

## CHARLES GERVIS CLARK.

Charles Gervis Clark, who in 1863, became a resident of Carthage, where for more than a quarter of a century he was engaged in the real estate business, ranking among the men worthy of the public trust, his life work reflecting credit and honor upon the state in which he made his home, was born in New Berlin, New York, January 8, 1820, a son of Gervis and Rachel (Caple) Clark. His maternal grandfather, Colonel Caple, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and an uncle of our subject was a soldier in the Mexican war. Gervis Clark, Sr., died when his son was only four months old, leaving the mother with the care of this, her only child. Later she married a Mr. Stimpson and there was one daughter by that union, Mrs. A. E. Alexander, who is now living at Denver, Colorado.

Charles Gervis Clark of this review acquired his education in the schools of Jefferson and of Jamestown, New York, and in both cities studied law. Following his preparation for the bar he engaged in active practice in Cobleskill, Schoharie county, New York, where he remained for eight years. He then went to Jamestown, New York, where he remained for a number of years and was a partner of Judge Abner Hazeltine, and in April, 1863, he came to Carthage, where he turned his attention to the real estate business. He became familiar with land values and enabled many clients to make judicious and satisfying investments and at the same time contributed to his individual success.

Mr. Clark was married on the boundary of Greene and Albany counties, New

York, at Greenville, December 3, 1846, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Andrews, who was born in Worcester, Otsego county, New York, April 30, 1826, a daughter of Simeon J. and Clarissa (Lake) Andrews. Her father was born at Middlefield, Otsego county, New York, and died when the daughter was only eighteen months old. The mother's birth occurred in Greenville, Greene county, New York, and she passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clark, in Carthage on the 13th of September, 1886, at the very advanced age of eighty-nine years, her remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. She was the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier. Mr. Andrews was a merchant, drøver and farmer and was an enterprising business man. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Evaline, who died in childhood; one who died in infancy; Lucy, who became the wife of Reuben Reed, who resides in Kent, Orleans county, New York, but both are now deceased; Ambrose, who died at the home of Mrs. Clark in 1873; Mary, now Mrs. Clark; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Frederick Chapman and made her home in Wisconsin, but died in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark became the parents of eight children. Charles Andrews married Miss Jennie McCulloch and died in 1905, leaving a widow and eight children, Edward, Margaret, Gervis, Stewart, Mary, George, Virginia and Robert. Ella Lee Clark died in childhood. George, Fred, Libbie, Louis, and Ada also passed away in childhood. Edward, the only surviving member of the family, is living

with his mother and is engaged in the real estate business in Carthage. Mr. Clark was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, to which his widow also belongs. She has always been a teacher in the Sunday-school, being a teacher in the primary department for forty years. Mr. Clark took a most active and helpful part in church work, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In politics he was a republican, but was without aspiration for office, preferring to devote his undivided time and attention to his business affairs, which were of an important character and reached extensive proportions. He possessed strong, native intelligence, laudable ambition and high purpose and displayed many of the sterling traits of character which won him recognition as one of nature's noblemen. Although he started out in life in moderate circumstances he amassed considerable means and was thus enabled to leave a goodly property to his widow. He passed away April 11, 1900, his remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage. During the years of his residence here he had won many friends by reason of his straightforward dealing, his consideration for others and his kindly, social nature. Mrs. Clark is now eighty years of age but is still quite active and busies herself with reading or needlework. She is indeed a very bright and intelligent lady, spending the evening of her days in an attractive home surrounded by many friends. She has a large circle of friends in Carthage who will doubtless receive with pleasure the record of her life, as published in the Biographical Review of Hancock County.

## HOMER J. ELSEA, D. O.

It is within comparatively recent years that osteopathy has become a factor in the healing of diseases but in a comparatively short time it has become a universally acknowledged power in checking the ravages of illness and restoring health and there are today many practitioners of this school, not only in America but throughout the country, whose work is proving an inestimable boon to their fellowmen. Dr. Elsea, following this profession in Carthage, has an extensive patronage throughout the city and this part of the state and is one of the worthy and capable exponents of the science. His birth occurred, in Randolph county, Missouri, February 3, 1879, his parents being Benjamin and Telitha (Taylor) Elsea. The father was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, in November, 1822. There is now no surviving member of his father's family. The mother of our subject was born in Boyle county, Kentucky, April 16, 1841, and at an early day her father removed to Missouri, where he resided until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he came to Illinois, where he followed farming, his death occurring in this state. In his family were ten children, five of whom are yet living: William Taylor, a resident of Randolph county, Missouri; Mrs. Telitha Elsea; Mary, the wife of Thomas Heath, of St. Louis, Missouri; Joseph, who is living in Illinois; and Mrs. Fannie Skeggs, of this state.

Benjamin Elsea went to Missouri with his father when about sixteen years of age and there resided upon a farm, making his home in that state until his death.

Although he was not a soldier during the Civil war he worked for the government throughout the period of the struggle, carrying the mail for the soldiers who were so far away from home and friends. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and for many years he served as justice of the peace, discharging his duties with fairness and impartiality. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. He was twice married, his first union being with Mary Jane Grafford, who died in 1859, leaving five children, of whom four are living: J. W., Benjamin and Felix Grundy, all of Randolph county, Missouri; and John C., who resides in San Francisco, California. For his second wife Benjamin Elsea chose Telitha Taylor and they had eight children, of whom seven yet survive. Lydia is the wife of L. P. Hatler, of Havre, Montana, and has four children, Frank, Iva, Ernest and Oval; David J. Elsea, a graduate of the State Normal School at Kirksville, Missouri, became a singing evangelist and at Colchester, Illinois, was ordained a minister of the Christian church. He is now one of the able preachers of that denomination and has charge of the church in Creston, Iowa. He married Miss Ruby Jameson, of Abingdon, Illinois. Leona Florence is the wife of W. L. Holbrook, of Jetmore, Kansas. Thomas G. died at the age of two and a half years. Lucy Victoria is the wife of Dr. F. M. Henderson, of Stronghurst, Illinois. Both are graduates of the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, and they have one child, Madge Elsea Henderson, ten years of age. Lena Catherine is the

wife of Dr. J. S. Barker, formerly of Memphis, Missouri. They, too, are graduates of the Osteopathic School at Kirksville and are now living in La Harpe, Illinois. Homer J. is the seventh in order of birth. Lottie G. is the wife of Dr. C. I. Stephenson, formerly of Lincoln, Nebraska, and now located at Auburn, Nebraska. They, too, are graduates of the Kirksville School of Osteopathy. They have one child, Elsea Winnebeth. In the family there is one minister of the gospel, three daughters, one son and three sons-in-law, who are practitioners of osteopathy. The mother of this family is still living, making her home among her children. She had two brothers, William and Silas Taylor, who were soldiers of the Civil war, enlisting in Missouri.

Dr. Elsea, of Carthage, was a student in the district schools of Randolph county, Missouri, and afterward was graduated from the high school of Kirksville, Missouri, having attended school there for five years. He later entered the State Normal at Kirksville, where his more specifically literary education was completed. He was afterward in a mercantile school in Kirksville for six months, at the end of which time he entered the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, from which institution he was graduated on the 26th of June, 1902. He has since been located in Carthage. He also has an office in Dallas City, Illinois, where he spends each Monday and Friday. He has a large city and country practice and has been very successful, effecting many cures among his patrons. He is well qualified for the profession by reason of

his thorough preparation and he is continually promoting his efficiency through the knowledge which comes by experience.

Dr. Elsea was married October 2, 1904, to Miss Ava Murphy, who was born near Abingdon, Illinois, and is a daughter of Henry and Althea Murphy. Her father was a farmer and removed from Illinois to Nebraska, where he lived for two years, when he went to Kansas, where he died seventeen years ago. Following the father's death Mrs. Murphy and the children returned to Abingdon, Illinois, where she still makes her home. Mr. Murphy was a stalwart supporter of democratic principles and was a prominent member of the Christian church, serving as elder for many years, frequently preaching on Sundays, while through the week he followed farming. He served for a number of years as one of the trustees of Abingdon College, an institution conducted under the auspices of the Christian church. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, who are yet living, as follows: M. C., of Abingdon, Illinois; Adda, the wife of C. W. Robinson, of Abingdon; Clinnie, the wife of J. J. Armstrong, of Lincoln, Nebraska; I. E., living in Loveland, California; Meadie, with her mother in Abingdon; J. W., of Dallas City, Illinois; O. H., with his mother in Abingdon.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Elsea are faithful members of the Christian church and take an active part in its work. He is a stanch prohibitionist, thus giving expression of his belief in temperance principles, which he labors to uphold in every possible way. He has his office at his residence at No. 111 Adams street. Though a young man he has been very successful. He is a

gentleman of fine personal appearance, reserved and dignified in manner, possessing an enterprising spirit and laudable ambition. Both he and his wife and her mother are welcomed into the best social circles of the city and have gained many friends during the period of their residence here.

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#### SAMUEL T. STONE.

Samuel T. Stone, deceased, was a florist of Carthage and conducted the only greenhouses in Hancock county. He was born at Stone's Prairie, Adams county, Illinois, September 25, 1855, his parents, Enoch P. and Emily (Burke) Stone, being farming people of that locality. The father continued to follow farming there until the spring of 1856, when he removed to Pontoosuc township, Hancock county, settling upon a farm, where he made his home until 1869. He then removed to what became the Stone homestead, where he conducted a nursery business southeast of Carthage. His death occurred there December 16, 1880, while his wife passed away February 13, 1891, the remains of both being interred in Myers cemetery in Pontoosuc township. Their religious faith was that of the Methodist church. In their family were eight children: E. R., now living in Kansas; Eliza J., the deceased wife of Ervin Kidson; Mary A., the wife of Richard Pomeroy, of Elvaston, Illinois; Melvina, the wife of Benton Hull, of Pontoosuc township; Ellen, who lives with her sister in

Elvaston; Irel H., of Kirksville, Missouri; Ervin W., of Beardstown, Illinois; and Samuel T., deceased.

In taking up the personal history of Samuel T. Stone we present to our readers the life record of one who was a respected and prominent business man in commercial circles in Carthage for a number of years. He acquired his early education in the district schools and afterward attended the Carthage high school and the Carthage college. He then engaged in the nursery business with his father until twenty-one years of age, after which he carried on a farm of his own until 1895, devoting it to nursery stock. In that year he added a greenhouse and more and more largely concentrated his energies upon the florist's business. The same year he took up his abode on Main street in Carthage, where he established a greenhouse, conducting at the same time the one upon his farm. This is the only greenhouse in Hancock county. It is steamheated and splendidly equipped in all particulars. Mr. Stone soon secured a liberal patronage and his business in this line proved profitable from the beginning.

On the 18th of March, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Samuel T. Stone and Miss Ava L. Leighton, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, January 31, 1867, a daughter of William E. and Ella A. (Waller) Leighton. The mother was born in Shellsburg, Iowa, September 27, 1847, and the father, a native of the same state, was born August 14, 1839. Mr. Leighton was for four years connected with the commissary department during the Civil war. He has always been a farmer and still supervises a farm in Hancock county, although he

makes his home in Carthage, having come to Hancock county in 1889. Both he and his wife are consistent members and earnest workers in the Christian church and he is a democrat in his political views. In their family are four children, all of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Stone; Hope, a teacher in the public schools of Bowen, Illinois; George E., living in Galesburg, this state; and Edith M., who has successfully taught in the public schools of Carthage and Hancock county.

Mrs. Stone is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, as among her ancestors were those who fought for the independence of the nation. James Leighton, a brother of her father, was killed in the battle of Vicksburg. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stone were born seven children: William A., Gladys Ida, Edward Harold, Clifford L., Clara, Gertrude A. and Adelaide Lenore, all of whom are natives of Hancock county. Mr. Stone died December 27, 1905, after an illness of several weeks and his remains were interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. In manner he was quiet and reserved, but was always interested in modern enterprises and though he was not a politician in the sense of office seeking he did much in a quiet way to promote the welfare of his party, to which he was at all times loyal. He voted with the republican organization and was connected with the Modern Woodmen. He was also a city fireman. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist church and did all in their power to promote its welfare and growth. In his business affairs Mr. Stone wrought along modern lines, realizing that there is no excellence without labor and his close application

and diligence made his business a profitable one. Mrs. Stone is still continuing the business and she employs men to keep the furnace going in the greenhouses night and day. She is a bright, energetic business woman, who has an intimate knowledge of the trade and the needs of the plants and flowers and the products of the greenhouses find a ready sale on the market because of beauty, color, size and fragrance. In his family Mr. Stone was a kind and loving husband and father and for many years was a very dutiful son to his aged mother, to whom he gave filial care and attention.

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#### WILLIAM H. HONCE.

William H. Honce, deceased, who in public regard occupied an enviable position, so that his death was the occasion of uniform regret when his life's labors were ended, was a native of Monmouth county, New Jersey, born on the 26th of July, 1830. He remained in the place of his birth until nineteen years of age and acquired his education in the public schools there. Thinking to have better business opportunities in the west he then went to Butler county, Ohio, where he secured employment as a farm hand by the month, residing in that county until after his marriage to Miss Sarah Jane McBroom, a daughter of Andrew and Jane (Robinson) McBroom. The wedding was celebrated at Middletown, Ohio,

November 27, 1851, and the young couple resided upon a farm in Butler county for about three years after their marriage.

On the expiration of that period they removed to Adams county, Illinois, where they spent two years and then came to Hancock county, settling in Montebello township, where Mr. Honce purchased a farm of eighty acres, beginning its cultivation with characteristic energy. He added to this farm from time to time until at his death he owned two hundred acres of rich land, all of which was under cultivation. The improvements were placed there by him and he developed a model farm property, which he carefully cultivated until his demise. His fields were well tilled and he annually harvested good crops, while the improvements upon his place were in keeping with ideas of model farming.

Mrs. Honce was educated in Butler county, Ohio, where her father followed farming. Later he removed to Indiana, spending his remaining days in that state, his death occurring about twenty-six years ago. His wife also passed away in Indiana when Mrs. Honce was but six years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Honce were born seven children, of whom Mrs. W. M. Moore is the eldest. Lizzie, the second daughter, is now the wife of Thaddeus Thomas and has two children, Alta and Lester. Mrs. William H. Thomas is the third of the family and is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Anna is the wife of George Phipps and has three children, Harry, Vera and Carl. Ollie is the wife of John Marshall and has four children, Clyde, Greta, Yetta and Lois. William R. married Minnie Brady and has one

child, Beulah. Mary L. died at the family home in Montebello township, at the age of nineteen years.

In his political views Mr. Honce was a democrat but cared nothing for office, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business affairs, in which he met with signal success. He made a creditable record in agricultural circles and left a valuable farm property to his family. He died August 1, 1899.

worked earnestly and persistently and his diligence and perseverance constituted strong and salient elements in his success. He was a member of the Christian church and his life was in harmony with his professions.

William H. Thomas was reared upon the old homestead farm and acquired his education in the public schools of Sonora township, pursuing his studies through the winter months, while in the summer seasons he aided in the labors of the fields. He worked with his father until his marriage, after which he purchased a farm in Montebello township of two hundred acres, devoting his attention to its cultivation and improvement until his removal to Elvaston. He was married December 24, 1878, to Miss Alpharetta Honce, a daughter of William H. and Sarah Jane (McBroom) Honce, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Indiana. They became residents of Ohio at an early day and in that state Mrs. Honce was reared. About fifty-five years ago they came to Illinois, settling in Montebello township, Hancock county, among its pioneer residents. There Mr. Honce purchased a tract of land and developed a farm, making a good home for himself and family. His remaining days were devoted to the improvement of the property and upon that place he passed away on the 1st of August, 1899, his remains being interred in Montebello township. His widow still survives him and now resides with her children, further mention being made of the family on another page of this work. She had six children: Lydia, now the wife of W. M. Moore, of Hamilton, Illinois; Lizzie, the wife of

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#### WILLIAM H. THOMAS.

William H. Thomas, deceased, was one of the early settlers of Hancock county and a representative farmer, whose business activity and devotion to the public good made him a leading and valued resident of this part of the state. He was born near Columbus, in Adams county, Illinois, November 29, 1851, and when but two years of age was brought to Sonora township by his parents, Isaac and Louisa (Nichols) Thomas, who took up their abode in this county in 1853. His father was born in Kentucky and his mother in Adams county, Illinois. She is still living and makes her home in Carthage with three of her children. The father, however, passed away upon the home farm in 1901. He had for many years been a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of the community, his residence here covering a half century. He



Thaddeus Thomas, of Montebello township, Hancock county; Mrs. Thomas of this review; Anna, the wife of George Rhapps, of Prairie township; Ollie, the wife of John Marshall; and William R., who is a grain and produce merchant engaged in business at Hamilton.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas was blessed with three children, all of whom are yet living. George M., residing on the old home farm in Montebello township, where he is successfully engaged in carrying on general agricultural pursuits, married Miss Stella Miller, of Elvaston, a daughter of Dr. J. R. Miller, of Elvaston, Illinois. Minnie Leota is the wife of Frank Rohrbaugh, a farmer of Elvaston. Yetta May is the wife of Claude Walker, a resident farmer of Prairie township.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Thomas resided in Sonora township until the spring of 1881 and then removed to a farm, which Mr. Thomas purchased, about three miles and a half northwest of Elvaston. There they resided for twenty-one years, his attention being given to the work of the fields and the further improvement of the property but in 1903 he determined to retire from active business life and took up his abode in Elvaston, where he erected the residence which is now occupied by his widow. There he passed away on Saturday, February 6, 1904, at the age of fifty-two years, two months and eight days. He had resided in the county for more than a half century, or practically throughout the period of his entire life and those who had known him from his boyhood days recognized in him the ster-

ling traits of character in harmony with the strong and salient principles of an honorable manhood. He was active and industrious in business and was straightforward in his dealings. His political views were in accord with democratic principles but he did not care for office. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and was serving as one of its trustees at the time of his death. He was interested in all that pertained to the material, intellectual or moral progress of his community and his support of beneficial public measures was never of a lukewarm character but was strong and steadfast, so that he became one of the valued citizens of his part of the county.

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#### HARRISON O. KNOX.

Harrison O. Knox was the first white man born in Wythe township, and it would be difficult to find many residents of this county who are more familiar with its history or have longer resided within its borders. Events which are to others only matters of hearsay have been to him matters of personal experience or observation, and he has been an interested witness of the growth and development of the county from pioneer times to the present. His memory goes back to the days when many of the homes were log cabins, in which were huge fireplaces, over which the cooking was done, while the little home was lighted by tallow candles, and the work of the fields was

done with primitive farm machinery. All this has changed and Mr. Knox has kept pace with the onward march of progress. He was born in Green Plains on section 25, Wythe township, May 5, 1833. His parents were Samuel and Malinda (Doughty) Knox, and the maternal grandfather was Thomas Doughty, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Relatives of Mr. Knox were also members of the Union army in the Civil war. The father was born on the ocean while his parents were coming from Scotland to the new world in 1775, and his wife was a native of Virginia, born in 1794. They came to Illinois in 1830, and in 1832, took up their abode in Hancock county, their son Harrison being the first white child born in the part of the county where they made their home. Samuel Knox was a member and minister of the Christian church, and while living in Wythe township, preached the first sermon ever delivered within its borders. This was in 1832. He also preached in McDonough and Adams counties, and in Iowa and Missouri, doing much good work in the spread of the gospel and in planting the seeds of Christian civilization in the middle west. He died in the year 1865, and thus passed away one whom to know was to esteem and honor. The world is better for his having lived and he left behind a memory which is still cherished by all who knew him. His wife survived until 1871, and both were laid to rest in Green Plains cemetery in Wilcox township. Their children were seven in number, of whom four are now living: William, who is living in California, and is eighty-two years of age; Franklin, of Kansas;

Harrison O., of this review; and Sarah, the wife of George B. Reid, of Monroe City, Missouri.

Harrison O. Knox acquired his early education in the schools of Green Plains and afterward attended the Warsaw high school. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and throughout his entire life has followed farming as a vocation. Having reached man's estate he was married in 1862 to Miss Sarah Louisa Crawford, whose birth occurred in Wythe township, in 1843, her parents being Thomas and Jane (Stockton) Crawford, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Knox died in 1875, leaving a daughter, Eva J., now the wife of Charles Homer McMahan, of Wilcox township. They became the parents of five children, Carl D., Robert F., William R., George H. and Francis H. On the 22d of March, 1882, Mr. Knox was again married, his second union being with Miss Hannah W. Davidson, who was born in Sussex county, Delaware, in 1859, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret J. (Christopher) Davidson. They, too, were natives of Delaware, the former born September 7, 1818, and the latter in 1824. The father devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits, and in 1869 came to Hancock county, settling in Wilcox township. Thirty years later he passed away, in 1899, while his wife died in 1898, and they were laid to rest side by side in the Congregational cemetery in Wythe township. Mr. Davidson was drafted for service in the Civil war but was too old to go to the front. In their family were seven children: Francina, who died in infancy; William Henry, of Carthage; Joseph B., who lives in Basco,

Illinois; Sarah Frances, and Elizabeth Annetta, both deceased; Hannah W., now Mrs. Knox; and Edward P., of Wythe township. Mrs. Davidson died November 25, 1898, at the home of Mrs. Knox, and Mr. Davidson passed away at Basco, May 30, 1899. They were married in 1842 and were earnest Christian people, respected by all who knew them. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Knox has been born one son, Harrison Lucian, whose birth occurred in 1888 in Wilcox township, and he is at home with his parents. He has been liberally educated and was a student in Warsaw Seminary.

After his first marriage Mr. Knox lived in Wythe township for two years, and then removed to Warsaw, where he engaged in the dry goods business for three years. Subsequently he devoted two years to the milling business and in 1873 he came to Wilcox township, where he has since carried on general farming. In 1879 he bought forty acres of land on section 25, where he built a home, in which he has since resided, his attention being given to the cultivation and development of the fields. He taught school in Walker, Wythe, Wilcox and Rocky Run townships before his return to Wilcox township and even before his removal to Warsaw, thus being identified with the early educational progress of his part of the county. He has never been interested in the progress and development of the county along material, social, intellectual and moral lines and his co-operation has ever been a valued factor in movements for the public good. His political allegiance has been given to the Republican party since its organization. His first

presidential vote was cast for Millard Fillmore in the Wythe schoolhouse on the 4th of November, 1856, when he was defeated by James Buchanan. On the 6th of November, 1860, Mr. Knox voted for Abraham Lincoln at Bank's schoolhouse in Rocky Run township, where he was teaching in a log building, having there one hundred and eight scholars, or an average of sixty-two and a half for six months. Since 1860 he has continuously voted the republican ticket and he has been honored with various local offices, serving as school director, as school treasurer for sixteen years, as tax collector, as assessor and as town clerk. Both he and his wife are members of the Wythe Christian church known as the old brick church and live in harmony with their professions. Mr. Knox is one whose memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present and he relates in most interesting manner many incidents of the early days. Mr. Knox began life as a poor boy but has worked his way steadily upward and his life record has been characterized by continuous progress along many lines. He has gained success and at the same time has developed a character which makes him worthy of the trust and confidence of his fellowmen.

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SIMON D. WEISER.

S. D. Weiser, superintendent of the Hancock County Infirmary and poor

farm, was born at Northumberland, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of June, 1861, there residing until 1872, when he came to Illinois and took up his abode at Fountain Green, Hancock county. His parents were Solomon and Mary A. (Miller) Weiser, likewise natives of Northumberland county. The great-grandfather, Conrad Weiser, was an early resident of Pennsylvania, residing near Philadelphia. He was a warm personal friend of Washington and served as colonel in the Revolutionary war. His son, Philip Weiser, was a pioneer to Northumberland county and bought a large tract of land there. He was a very successful man and at the time of his death, about the close of the Civil war, he was considered the wealthiest man in Northumberland county. Solomon Weiser was the eighth in a family of nine children and was educated at the high school at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and later he was an extensive farmer and followed that occupation throughout his entire life in order to provide for his family. Selling there he moved his family to Hancock county and purchased a tract of land in Fountain Green township upon his removal to the middle west in 1872, and there he remained until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty-one years of age. He was a democrat in politics and a public-spirited man, although not an office seeker. However, he served as treasurer of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, at an early day. His remains were interred in Fountain Green cemetery and his widow still makes her home in the village of Fountain Green.

She is a member of the Lutheran church and a most estimable lady. She was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Her father was an extensive land and mine owner in the coal and iron regions of Pennsylvania.

S. D. Weiser is one of a family of ten children, seven of whom yet survive and as stated, he came to Illinois with his parents when a youth of eleven years. His early educational privileges were supplemented by study in Carthage College and he also attended the Western Illinois Normal School, at Macomb, this state. He remained upon the home farm for some years after completing his education, and then became a school teacher, acting as principal of the schools at Nauvoo, Illinois, for eight years, and also teaching in different places in the county. He likewise followed that profession in Kansas, where he resided for several years, but regarding this merely as an initial step to further professional labor, he took up the study of law in Carthage in the office of Manier & Miller. Going to Kansas, he was admitted to the bar in that state and practiced for a few years, also teaching school in Neosho county. Upon his return to Hancock county he went to Nauvoo, where he engaged in teaching until the spring of 1901, when he removed to Carthage and became the deputy circuit clerk, which position he held for a year. He then resigned and again resumed school teaching, until he was nominated for the office of circuit clerk on the democratic ticket, but was defeated. In December, 1904, he was appointed to his present position as superintendent of the Hancock County Infirmary and poor

farm by the board of county supervisors, and has since acted in that capacity with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the public as is shown by his reappointment in September, 1906. He has the supervision of the farm of two hundred and sixty acres. He is recognized as one of the progressive and influential representatives of democracy in this locality, his interest therein and his fitness for leadership making him well known as a factor in local democratic ranks.

On the 28th of October, 1886, Mr. Weiser was married to Miss Hattie J. Tyler, of Fountain Green, a daughter of John H. and Amanda (Williams) Tyler, who came to Illinois from Connecticut, where the father was born. Mr. Tyler was a farmer by occupation, and also an engineer and carpenter. He acted as engineer on the railroad for some years, and he now resides at Fountain Green. It was there that Mrs. Weiser obtained her education. Four children grace this marriage: Hazel Grace, who was born in Neosho county, Kansas, and was educated in this county and in Carthage College, is now a teacher in the public schools of Carthage township. Luther C. died at the age of fourteen months. William J. B., born in Nauvoo, and Mary A., born in Nauvoo, are both at home.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church at Carthage, and the members of the household occupy an enviable social position. Mr. Weiser is well qualified for the office which he is now filling and in which he is giving uniform satisfaction in the prompt and able manner in which he discharges his duties, and all place confidence in him.

### JOHN RICHARD GALBRAITH.

John Richard Galbraith, deceased, was a well known and respected agriculturist of Hancock county. His life record began in east Tennessee on the 1st of September, 1852, and ended in El Paso, Texas, July 15, 1905. His father, John R. Galbraith, was the owner of extensive landed interests and slaves in eastern Tennessee, but owing to the Civil war he lost nearly all of his property, and in the fall of 1865 came with his family to Illinois, hoping to retrieve his possessions in the north. In March, 1866, he purchased a farm one mile east of Ferris, and thereon made his home until his death. His sympathies during the period of hostilities were with the south and his political allegiance was ever given to the democracy. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Esther N. Hagler, was born and reared in eastern Tennessee, and there lived until after her marriage, when she came with her husband and the family to this state. She, too, died on the home farm near Ferris.

John Richard Galbraith was educated in the common schools of Hancock county, having accompanied his parents on their removal to the north when thirteen years of age. As a young man he assisted in the work of the home farm and later his father purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty acres upon which John Richard resided during the whole of his married life. In the '70s, John Richard Galbraith and his brother, Benjamin, went to Texas, where they engaged in the cattle business for a few years, when, on account of the ill health of the

former, he returned to Illinois, selling his interest in the Lone Star state to his brother, and thus acquiring his brother's interest in the farm in Prairie township, which had been given to them by their father. He continued to reside upon this place until his death and was one of the prosperous agriculturists of the county. As his financial resources increased he made extensive and judicious investments in property and became the owner of another valuable farm in Hancock county. At the time of his death he was also one of the stockholders of the State Bank of Hamilton, and held considerable property at Elvaston. In connection with his brother, David, he owned and operated an electric light and heating plant at Mineral Wells, Texas. He possessed excellent business ability, executive force and keen discrimination, which enabled him to readily recognize and utilize opportunities. He was always straightforward in his dealings, and it was through his wise investment and careful management that he gained the large measure of success which he enjoyed in his later years.

In December of 1880, Mr. Galbraith was married to Miss Adona Hagler, a daughter of John C. and Elizabeth (Ethell) Hagler. Her father was born in east Tennessee and when a young man came to Illinois, settling in Scott county, where he engaged in merchandising for more than a quarter of a century, becoming one of the leading business men of that locality. During his residence there he also held many public offices and positions of trust and was called to represent his district in the state legislature. He became the associate and friend of

many of the distinguished men of the state and entertained at his home a number of the prominent political leaders of Illinois, including U. S. Grant and Stephen A. Douglas.

Following his marriage, Mr. Galbraith continued to engage in farming in this county until failing health caused him to seek a change of climate in the hope that he might be benefited thereby. He went to El Paso, Texas, but it proved unavailing, and he passed away on the 15th of July, 1905, after which his remains were brought back to Illinois for interment in Moss Ridge cemetery. He was a man held in the highest esteem by all who knew him, possessing a sunny, genial disposition which gained him many friends. He voted with the democracy, but was without political aspiration, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests and the society of his friends. He had few, if any, enemies, being on the contrary one who gained the kindly regard of all with whom he came in contact. He was a Christian man, but was liberal in his religious views, and in his will remembered several churches, and during his lifetime was a willing contributor to their support. Throughout an active business career he displayed many sterling traits of character, and wherever he was known his name was honored. To his wife he was a most devoted husband, counting no personal effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it would promote her welfare and happiness, and it is in his own household that his loss is most deeply felt, although it is the occasion of wide-spread regret throughout the community.

## DAVID AYERS.

Among the native sons of Wythe township who are still connected with general farming and stock-raising interests within its borders is numbered David Ayers, whose natal day was May 19, 1865. His father was William Ayers, and his grandfather, David Ayers, both of whom were natives of Ireland, the former having been born in Belfast. Having arrived at years of maturity, he married Miss Mary Clark, likewise a native of Belfast, and a daughter of George and Margaret (Arbuckle) Clark, the former a son of David Clark, and the latter a daughter of Archie Arbuckle, both of whom were natives of Ireland and were of Scotch ancestry. George Clark, in the year 1845, became a resident of Brooklyn, New York, and in 1848 arrived in Warsaw, Illinois. There he carried on business for many years as a stone mason, and died in that town in 1896, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. His wife passed away in 1887, when eighty-nine years of age.

The marriage of William Ayers and Mary Clark was celebrated on the 31st of December, 1861. They had come to Hancock county with their respective parents when about eight years of age, and were reared upon farms in Wythe township. Subsequent to their marriage they took up their abode on a tract of land on section 31, Wythe township, where they lived for many years, and as his financial resources permitted, Mr. Ayers kept adding to his place from time to time and extending his landed possessions until he owned many acres on sections 1 and 2,

Rocky Run township. He died in 1889, and is still survived by his wife, who since 1893, has made her home in Carthage.

David Ayers, the third in a family of four sons and six daughters, is indebted to the Green Plains district school for the educational privileges he enjoyed. His boyhood and youth was passed in his parents' home, his time being occupied by the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. On attaining his majority, he started out in business on his own account, and for one year cultivated rented land, after which he purchased forty acres on section 1, Rocky Run township. There was a log house upon the place and a part of the land was fenced. A portion of the farm, however, was still covered with the native timber. Mr. Ayers began its further development and improvement, but after three years he sold that property and bought one hundred and seventy acres of improved prairie land on section 30, Wythe township. He has since resided upon this place, and has converted it into rich and productive fields. His wife owns eighty acres adjoining and their combined tracts of land constitute one of the best farms of the neighborhood. Mr. Ayers has built a good house and barn here and set out a good apple orchard of eight acres. He carries on general farming, also raising cattle, horses and hogs, and his business in both branches is proving profitable.

On the 1st of March, 1887, Mr. Ayers was married to Miss Minnie McMahan, who was born in Wythe township, a daughter of Robert and Frances (Walk-

er) McMahan. Their children are: Fannie, born November 18, 1889; and David H., born May 22, 1893. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ayers are well known and the consensus of public opinion regarding them is altogether favorable. Mr. Ayers belongs to one of the prominent old pioneer families of the county. Both his father and his grandfather were soldiers of the Mormon war, the latter having taken up his abode in Hancock county in 1835. He retained his residence here until his death, on the 1st of December, 1887, and thus passed away one who had aided in the early development and progress of the county, reclaiming it for the uses of civilization. The work instituted by the grandfather and carried on by the father, is now continued by David Ayers, who is accounted one of the representative agriculturists of his community. His political support is given the democracy and he has been road commissioner, while in the spring of 1905, he was elected on the democratic ticket to the office of supervisor. Fraternally, he is connected with the blue lodge of Masons, at Warsaw, and with the Modern Woodmen camp at Elderville, Illinois.

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#### MAJOR LEONARD A. HAY.

Warsaw will for many years be a center of public interest as the home of the Hay family. On the pages of military history appears the name of Major Leonard Augustus Hay, who rendered

signal service to his country as a volunteer in the Civil war and as a member of the regular army for many years thereafter. He never sought political preferment or honors, but rendered to his nation no less signal service by a lofty patriotism and unfaltering loyalty to the flag and to every duty incident to military service, whether in the midst of sanguinary conflict or upon the frontier.

As stated in the history of his parents, given before, he was the second son of Dr. Charles and Helen (Leonard) Hay, and was born in Salem, Indiana, December 3, 1834, spending the first six years of his life in that town. He was in his seventh year, when in 1841, the family came to Warsaw, and in the public schools of the city, he pursued his education. In early manhood he was identified with various business interests and was conducting an enterprise on his own account during the early period of the Civil war, but on the 2d of July, 1864, feeling that he could no longer content himself to remain at home while the country's safety was endangered, he joined the Union army as a private and was assigned to duty with Company D, Third Battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry. On the 2d of July, 1864, he was appointed as second lieutenant in the regular army and was assigned to the Ninth Infantry, with which he remained throughout the period of his service. On the 29th of September, 1864, he was commissioned a first lieutenant and on the 11th of March, 1878, he was made a captain in the Ninth Regiment of Infantry. He was engaged in active duty on the frontier, covering all the territory



from the Dakotas to Arizona and from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast. During that period there were many Indian uprisings that called the troops forth to active battle. He was very popular with his fellow officers and with the men who served under him—a fact which is indicated by the records, which show that there were fewer deserters from his company than from any other in the army. He continued in command of his company in active service until the 15th of June, 1891, when he retired for disability incurred in the line of his duty. Campaigning against the Indians upon the frontier in inclement weather had impaired his health, and he retired to Warsaw to spend his remaining days in the city in which his boyhood and youth were passed. Here, in accord with an act of congress conferring additional rank on officers who had served in the Civil war, he was made a major retired.

Major Hay was married in New York, December 5, 1869, to Miss Blanche d'Ormond, whose death occurred about two decades ago. He left no children and yet he had an especial fondness for children and young people and was greatly beloved by them. Of the many mementos gathered in his lifetime none were cherished more dearly than numerous keepsakes of these young friends.

Major Hay was a man of superior intellectual force, whose leisure was largely devoted to reading and study and his scholarly attainments and broad culture made him a charming conversationalist and entertaining companion. He held friendship inviolable and nothing could swerve him in his loyalty to a friend,

whose claims upon his time and attention were at all times recognized. He was always interested in the general welfare of his city and served as a member of the library board in 1892, but he preferred that his public service should be done as a private citizen rather than as an officeholder. In recent years, however, the selection of books for the public library was left almost wholly to him. He was of the highest type of manhood, noble and chivalrous, recognizing genuine worth in others and showing appreciation for all admirable qualities in his friends and those with whom he came in contact in any relation in life. In manner he was free from ostentation or display. A kindly spirit and generous sympathy was manifest in all that he said or did and he had the unflinching courtesy of a gentleman of the old school. Emerson has said, "The way to win a friend is to be one," and this statement found verification in the life of Major Hay.

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#### HENRY ROBLEY DICKINSON.

No history of Hancock county would be complete without mention of Henry Robley Dickinson, deceased, who was one of the founders of Hamilton, who established a lumber business in the town in 1855, and for many years was one of the most active and enterprising citizens of the county, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, while his labors were also of a character

that contributed not only to his own success but also to public progress and improvement. He was born December 10, 1818, in Keene, New Hampshire, in which state his parents, who were farming people, spent their entire lives. His education was acquired in the old-time subscription schools of the Granite state and at the age of twelve years he ran away from home and spent six months on a sailing vessel. Feeling that he had enough of the sea, at the end of that time he made his way to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed at carpenter work for some time. He afterward removed to Greene county, Illinois, where he followed that trade, and also became the owner of landed interests. A few years later, in 1849, he removed to Hancock county and took up his abode in a log cabin near Iron Spout Spring. There he lived for several years in true pioneer style amid frontier surroundings and environments. He was one of the original promoters of the ferry across the Mississippi river, belonging to a company which secured its charter to operate the ferry in 1850. With the work of development and improvement in his community and county he was closely identified from that time until his death. He had several landings for his ferry boat as it crossed to Keokuk, Iowa, and the business proved a profitable one to the locality in early days before many bridges spanned the "father of waters" and made travel by rail or private conveyance an easy matter. In connection with Bryan Bartlett and others, Mr. Dickinson laid out the town of Hamilton and the enterprising village stands today as a monument to his energy and forethought. In

connection with Mr. Bartlett, who was his brother-in-law, he owned nearly all of the land upon which Hamilton has been built, and he also became the owner of several farms in the county, purchasing property from time to time and thus placing his money in the safest of all investments—real estate. In 1855 he embarked in the lumber business at Hamilton and continued in the trade until his death, securing a good patronage as the years passed by and making extensive annual sales which brought to him a very gratifying income. His other business interests also proved profitable and as the years passed away he became one of the substantial citizens of the county.

One of the early indications of his prosperity was that in 1856 he replaced his pioneer log house by a frame residence of two stories, which he erected in the western part of Hamilton on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi river and commanding a fine view of the attractive scenery afforded by the broad expanse of the river and the city of Keokuk beyond. About two years later, in 1858, Mr. Dickinson built another large house, containing ten rooms beside basement and closets. Into this home he removed and made it his place of residence throughout his remaining days with the exception of a brief period of three years during the Civil war, when he conducted a hotel in another building. On the expiration of that period, however, he sold out and returned to his former home and there he lived in comfort for many years, his business interests bringing to him all of the necessities and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Dickinson was first married in

Greene county, Illinois, to Miss Wright, and they had one child, Oscar, who was killed while serving in defense of the Union in the Civil war. The wife and mother, however, died a short time after her marriage. On the 6th of April, 1843, also in Greene county, Illinois, Mr. Dickinson was married to Minerva Bartlett, who died soon after the birth of their only child, George R. Dickinson, who for a number of years resided on a farm near Belfast, Iowa, where his death occurred. On the 15th of October, 1848, Mr. Dickinson was joined in wedlock to Miss Agnes Decker, a native of Greene county, Illinois, who died in Texas, April 25, 1857. There were three children of that marriage: Joan, the wife of Henry Marckley, of Wythe township, Hancock county; Charles O., who is living in Hamilton; and Frank, who makes his home in Selina county, Kansas. The fourth marriage of Mr. Dickinson was celebrated on Christmas day of 1858, when Miss Emeretta Jane Hawley became his wife. She was born in Onondaga county, New York, February 6, 1826, and came to Ohio in 1836. A year later she removed to Lee county, Iowa, where she lived for twenty years, her home being on the bluff back of Montrose, just opposite Nauvoo, commanding a scene of rare beauty, this being one of the most attractive districts of the great Mississippi valley, and serious discussion has been held in political circles in Washington concerning the removal of the capital to this site. While living there Mrs. Dickinson witnessed the burning of the Mormon temple. She was there residing at the time that Joseph and Hiram Smith, the prophets and leaders

of the Mormon faith, were killed and while they lay in state at Nauvoo. Mrs. Dickinson is a daughter of Adna and Clarissa (Smeed) Hawley, natives of Vermont, in which state they were reared and married. Subsequently they removed to a farm in Onondaga county, New York, where they resided until coming to the west. By the last marriage of Mr. Dickinson there were born two children. The daughter, Emma, born October 20, 1850, was married on the 3d of May, 1892, to Charles Bartlett, of Hamilton, and died January 30, 1896, leaving a son, Lawrence D. Bartlett, who was born May 16, 1893, and is now with his father in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. John Dickinson, born January 19, 1861, was drowned in the Mississippi river at Hamilton, March 22, 1885.

Mr. Dickinson gave his political allegiance to the Republican party from the time of its organization and was one of its ardent and earnest supporters. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, frequently called him to public office and he served as alderman, as assessor and mayor of Hamilton. He was also prominent in Masonry, taking the degrees of the lodge, chapter and commandery. The death of Mr. Dickinson occurred October 7, 1897. He had for forty-eight years been a resident of Hancock county, and was known to all the pioneer settlers in this part of the state. He came here when the county was but sparsely settled and when the work of development and improvement lay largely in the future. His name is closely associated with many of the business interests and public movements that have resulted

beneficially to the county and at the same time in his private business interests he won a gratifying measure of success. He started out in life empty handed as a sailor boy, but he possessed strong determination, unfaltering courage and resolute purpose and upon those qualities as a foundation builded his success. He was not only an active and enterprising business man, but also a thoroughly reliable one and his fellow townsmen entertained for him both admiration and respect. Mrs. Dickinson still survives her husband, but has been gradually losing her eyesight, owing to a cataract, since 1896. She has long been a resident of this part of the country, her home being just across the river in Iowa during the period of her girlhood and early womanhood, while since Christmas day of 1858—the date of her marriage—she has lived continuously in Hancock county and is held in the highest esteem by many warm friends.

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LEONARD THOMPSON FERRIS,  
M D.

Dr. Leonard Thompson Ferris, deceased, was for fifty-five years actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Fountain Green and his life was of utmost benefit to his fellowmen by reason of his professional skill, his kindly spirit and his broad, humanitarian principles. Although several years have come and gone since he passed away, his memory is revered by all who knew him and he left behind him an

example of professional integrity, loyal citizenship and honor in private life that is indeed worthy of emulation. He came to Hancock county with his parents, Stephen G. and Eunice (Beebe) Ferris, in December, 1832, journeying westward from New York to Illinois by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. His parents had to clear the land for a space upon which to erect a log cabin and there they lived in true pioneer style for many years. As the years came and went they prospered in their undertakings. They made needed improvements and in course of time had one of the best developed farm properties in this part of the county. The father was born in Norwich, Chenango county, New York, and the mother in New London county, Connecticut. He was a tanner by trade, but after coming to the west followed farming, making his home in Fountain Green township. He died in 1876, while his wife passed away in 1860, and they were both laid to rest in Fountain Green cemetery. They were strong and devoted members of the Baptist church and instilled into the minds of their children lessons of integrity and uprightness which bore good fruit in later years. In their family were six children, all of whom are now deceased.

Dr. Ferris of this review was born in Steuben county, New York, in 1817, and was therefore a youth of about fifteen years when he came with his parents to Illinois. He completed his education in the schools of Fountain Green and determining to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he attended medical lectures for one winter in Jacksonville, Illinois, and afterward was graduated from the

St. Louis Medical College in 1848. He, however, entered upon the active practice of medicine in 1845, opening an office in Fountain Green, where he built an office in 1847. He practiced there for over fifty-five years, or until his death. He was a successful general practitioner, making progress in harmony with the advancement that has ever characterized the medical fraternity. He attended rich and poor, high and low, never refusing to respond to a call even though he knew there was little hope of pecuniary remuneration. He had a most warm, charitable heart, and a tale of sorrow or distress awakened his ready sympathy. Throughout his entire life he occupied the old Ferris homestead in Fountain Green but greatly improved the property.

On the 23d of May, 1850, Dr. Ferris was married to Miss Helen M. Gilchrist, who was born in Saxton River village, in Rockingham county, Vermont, October 23, 1831. She is a descendant in the seventh generation of Edward A. Winslow, who came over in the Mayflower. Her grandfather, Samuel Gilchrist, was born in Lunenburg, Massachusetts, was a farmer by occupation and lived in the old Bay state until he attained his majority. He married Miss Elizabeth Allen, who was born in Pomfret, Connecticut, and they had three sons, John, Allen and Charles, all now deceased. The grandfather resided at Walpole, New Hampshire. Her father, Charles G. Gilchrist, was born at Walpole, New Hampshire, in 1802, and there owned a farm. In September, 1837, he removed with his family from Vermont to McDonough county, Illinois, being over three months on the

road. They started on the 11th of June, reaching their destination on the 13th of September. They settled on a farm in McDonough county, and there Mr. Gilchrist carried on agricultural pursuits as long as his health would permit. He, like Dr. Ferris's father, had to clear land in order to have a space big enough on which to build a house. He and his family lived in a log cabin for many years and went through the usual experiences and hardships of pioneer life. They saw many Indians and there were large herds of wild deer. The county was sparsely settled and with the development and progress of that section of the state Charles G. Gilchrist was closely identified. Charles G. Gilchrist cast his first presidential vote for Andrew Jackson and upon the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks, continuing to give it his support until his death, which occurred in 1880, when he was eighty years of age. His grave is made at Hillsgrove, McDonough county, Illinois. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Minerva Holton, was born in Westminster, Windham county, Vermont, in October, 1805, spent her girlhood days in her native place and afterward taught school. Benjamin Parsons, her grandfather, was a private in the Revolutionary war for a number of years. Mrs. Gilchrist died May 30, 1875, and was buried by the side of her husband in Hillsgrove cemetery. She was a member of a Baptist church. In their family were five children, of whom Mrs. Ferris is the eldest. Charles A. died in New York city, January 22, 1906. David Van Brugh lives at the old homestead at Hillsgrove, Illinois. Erastus H. is de-

ceased. Edward M. is a resident of Centerville, Iowa. Of this family Charles A. Gilchrist enlisted for service in the Tenth Missouri Infantry in the Civil war, joining the army as a captain. He served for five years and was mustered out with the rank of brigadier general, being then in command of the Fiftieth Regiment of Missouri Colored Troops. Edward M. was also a soldier in the Civil war.

After the parents removed to Illinois, Mrs. Ferris and her brothers, Charles A. and VanBrugh Gilchrist, were sent back to New York to be educated, and attended the private school conducted by Miss Holton, for four years. She was an aunt of Mrs. Ferris and her school was then located at No. 11 Amity street in New York city. When Mrs. Ferris returned home she brought with her a piano, which was the first one in McDonough county, and it is still in her possession. It is a square piano, having six beautiful carved legs and is much narrower than the square pianos were ordinarily made. It was manufactured by J. Thurston some time between the years 1812 and 1817. This piano was shipped from New York to New Orleans, thence up the Mississippi river to Warsaw, and from there hauled to McDonough county. Mrs. Ferris's children, grandchildren and friends still love to hear her play the old-time melodies with which she became familiar in her girlhood days.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Ferris were born ten children, all born in the old home in Fountain Green township. Fidelia, the eldest, died in childhood. Dr. Charles L. Ferris, of Carthage, the second in order of birth, is a graduate of the Rush Med-

ical College. He married Ella Connor, of Warsaw, this county, and they have two children, Helen I., a graduate of Carthage College and now principal of the high school in Mt. Carroll, Illinois; and Ruth A. Lelia, the third member of the family, is the wife of Edward Lionberger, of Fountain Green township, and they have four children, Fay, Gay, John and Edith. Delia died in childhood. Alice Lovina is the wife of Charles R. Martin, of Carthage township, and has two sons, Leonard Ferris and Edward Stephen Martin. John Milton died in childhood. Ulysses Stephen lived in Carthage township, wedded Miss Mary White and has one son, Wilber White Ferris. Ralph William married Carrie Banks, lives on a farm in Fountain Green township and has one child, Frances. Mary H. Ferris is at home with her mother. Hiram Gano is traveling for Irwin Neisler, a druggist, of Decatur, Illinois. The death of Dr. Ferris occurred on the 19th of July, 1900, when he was eighty-three years of age. In politics he was a republican, inflexible in support of the party from the time of its organization, but his father, his brother and his brothers-in-law were all democrats. He served as town clerk, as collector and was instrumental in building the brick school-house at Fountain Green, superintending the construction of the same. Fraternally he was a Mason, joining the lodge in Macomb, McDonough county, in 1849. He became a charter member of Carthage lodge, in which he passed all of the chairs. His remains were interred in Fountain Green township by the side of his parents and all of the Ferris relatives. There was

allotted to him a long life, which was characterized by usefulness and honor and his name was to many a synonym of all that is straightforward and upright in life. He and his wife not only celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary but also their fiftieth wedding anniversary, on which occasion their children and grandchildren were present. They traveled life's journey happily together for many long years and theirs was largely an ideal married relation. After Dr. Ferris passed away Mrs. Ferris lived in the old home-  
stead, which was in the same yard as the Doctor's office in Fountain Green. There she remained until 1902, when she removed to Carthage, purchasing a home on Madison street, which she has since greatly improved. She and her daughters, Mary H. and Mrs. Martin, are all devoted members of the Presbyterian church and likewise belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, in which order Mary Helen has been the efficient recording secretary for the past three years. Mrs. Ferris is a lady whom it is a rare pleasure to meet, for she possesses a true, warm heart for all mankind and strong, native intelligence and a retentive memory combined with innate culture and refinement. She also possesses a marked wit and jovial disposition and her kindly humor serves to draw to her all with whom she is brought in contact. She is yet actively interested in matters of public moment and she deserves prominent mention in this volume among the residents who have lived in this part of Illinois from pioneer times. She celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday October 23, 1906, when fourteen ladies from sixty-

five to seventy-five years of age were present.

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#### MARTIN A. HENRY.

Martin A. Henry, numbered among the veterans of the Civil War, who is now living a retired life in Augusta, for many years was actively identified with agricultural interests. He is a native of Brown county, Illinois, born on the 10th day of February, 1844, and there he resided until about twenty years ago, when he came to Augusta. He acquired his education in the common schools of his native county, where he was reared to manhood, and assisted in the operation of his father's farm. He is a son of Robert L. and Mary A. (Langdon) Henry. The former was born in the state of New York, and the latter in Kentucky. Mr. Henry arrived in Illinois in 1820, and his wife came a few years later. They were married in Brown county, this state, which was then a part of Schuyler county, and throughout his entire life Mr. Henry carried on general agricultural pursuits and also worked at the cooper's trade. Following the death of his wife he lived with his children and spent his last days in Fulton county, Illinois, where he passed away at the age of eighty years. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, while his wife was a devoted member of the Baptist church. Both were laid to rest in Brown county, Illinois. In their family were ten children, but only two are now living, the younger

brother being Hiram Henry, of Fulton county, Illinois.

As before stated, Martin A. Henry was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with all the work incident to the development and cultivation of the fields. When twenty-three years of age he started out in life on his own account and was engaged in farming for some years. He continued actively in that occupation until 1885, when he sold his farm and removed to Augusta. He had been enterprising and progressive in his methods, tilling the soil and cultivating his crops, and gained thereby a comfortable competence, finding a ready sale on the market for all of his farm products. His labors as an agriculturist were uninterrupted save when on the 9th of August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Infantry. He continued at the front until the close of the war and took part in many of the principal engagements of the Western Army, being frequently under fire. He was mustered out at Mobile, Alabama, on the 18th of August, 1865, and received an honorable discharge at Springfield. He held the rank of corporal and at the time he was mustered out was a sergeant. He now maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Union post, No. 302, G. A. R., at Augusta, of which he has been commander for five terms and is now acting as quartermaster of the post.

Mr. Henry was first married on the 1st of December, 1866, to Miss Mary C. Cox, who was born in Brown county, Illinois,

a daughter of James Cox, one of the early settlers of that locality. Mr. Cox was a native of Kentucky and reared his family in Brown county, where Mrs. Henry acquired her education. She died there on the 8th of August, 1870, at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving two children, Mertie M. and Joseph E. The daughter is the wife of Albert H. Kinney, of Lavonia, New York, where he is engaged in merchandising. Joseph E. Henry resides in St. Louis, Missouri, where he is head shipping clerk for the Medart Patent Pulley Company. He was born in Brown county, as was his sister, and he married Ellen Walsh, by whom he has two children, Herbert R. and Isabelle. For his second wife Mr. Henry chose Eliza J. Burgesser, a daughter of George W. and Margaret (Thomas) Burgesser, both natives of Pennsylvania. In 1844 her parents came to the west, locating in Brown county, Illinois, where her father followed farming, and there they resided until called to their final rest. Mrs. Henry was born in Adams county, Ohio, but was reared and educated in Brown county, Illinois, being only four years of age at the time of her parents' removal to this state. She was first married to Charles Todd, of Springfield, Illinois, who died leaving a son, Ala, who died when twenty-five years of age. By the present marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Henry there are three children: Robert E., residing at home, is the principal of the schools at West Point, Illinois. Lettie is a teacher at Warsaw, this state. Howard M. died when eight years of age.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Henry are consistent members of the Methodist church



and he gives his political support to the Republican party. He served as a member of the town board for two years and has been street commissioner of Augusta for the past thirteen years. He is holding that position at the present time, and is a capable official, manifesting the same loyalty whether in public office or out of it that he displayed when he followed the old flag upon southern battlefields and defended the Union cause. His business activity in former years was crowned with a measure of success that now enables him to live retired and he is spending his days pleasantly in Augusta amid many friends, who entertain for him warm regard.

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#### W. H. AND J. A. PLUMB.

W. H. and J. A. Plumb, the president and secretary respectively of Plumb Brothers Brick & Tile Company, with offices at Carthage, are prominent representatives of industrial activity in this county. The factory is located in Pilot Grove township, between Burnside and Carthage and is devoted to the manufacture of brick and tile. The business has been conducted by the present company for about four years and the plant has three kilns which turn out about fifty thousand brick or twenty thousand tile of high grade every week. The company is incorporated and since its establishment has borne an unassailable reputation in business circles by reason of the

honorable methods instituted and also by reason of the excellence of its product.

William H. Plumb, one of the active members of the corporation and the president of the company, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, July 17, 1862. His parents are Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Anderson) Plumb. The father, a native of London, England, came alone to the United States when fourteen years of age and with brave spirit and resolute purpose sought to earn a living in the new world, thinking that he might enjoy better business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic. One of his first positions was assistant to the cook on a Mississippi river steamboat, and he gradually made advancement in the business world until he became connected with the coal mining interests of Illinois, continuing in that field of activity until his death, which occurred at Bernadotte, Fulton county, this state, when he had reached the age of fifty-one years. His widow still survives and resides in Basco, Hancock county, at about the age of seventy years, being now the wife of William Hendricks, a retired farmer.

William H. Plumb pursued his education in the public schools of Fulton county and became a resident of Hancock county in 1881. For two or three years thereafter he was located in Basco and then removed to Carthage, where, in connection with his brother, he engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile for about twelve years, so that he had broad practical experience when they organized the present company and removed to Pilot Grove township, where they reside.

William H. Plumb was married in

1897 to Mrs. Laura E. Taylor, who was born in Bear Creek township and was educated there, she bearing the maiden name of Laura E. Fisher, and was a daughter of Greenberry Fisher, one of the early settlers of the county. She was the widow of Joseph Taylor, by whom she had two children, Alta and Gertie, the latter now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Plumb has been born one child, Norvin. Mr. Plumb is a democrat in his political views and he belongs to the Hancock County Mutuals—a fraternal insurance order.

John A. Plumb, who is associated with his brother in the manufacture of brick and tile as secretary of the company, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, November 8, 1864, and was educated in the common schools. Since attaining his majority he has been associated with his brother William in the line of business in which they are still engaged. They have a well equipped plant, supplied with all modern machinery, and the output is of such a quality as to command a ready sale on the market and bring the highest prices. The office of the company is located in Carthage but the factory is situated in Pilot Grove township. George W. Jones is treasurer of the company but the Plumb Brothers hold the greater amount of stock, and the enterprise has gained a place among the leading manufacturing interests of the county.

John A. Plumb was married to Miss Katie Morris, a daughter of O. P. Morris, of Dallas City, Illinois, and the two families are prominent socially, while in business circles the brothers have gained a most commendable place. They have

the enterprise and determination which enable them to overcome difficulties and to solve intricate business problems and their history illustrates the possibilities that are open in this country to earnest, persistent young men who have the courage of their convictions and are determined to be the architects of their own fortunes.

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#### JOHN H. CRABILL.

John H. Crabill, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Fountain Green township, claims Ohio as the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred in Champaign county, September 12, 1837, and in the paternal line he comes of German ancestry, his paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Crabill, having been born in the fatherland, while his paternal grandparents, John H. and Mary (Rhodes) Crabill, were natives of Virginia, and his maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Pence) Steimberger, were natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively. His parents, Benjamin S. and Angeline (Steimberger) Crabill, were natives of Culpepper county, Virginia, and Champaign county, Ohio, the former born in 1816, while the latter was born in 1814. They were married in the Buckeye state, where the father engaged in farming pursuits until 1849, when he made an overland journey to this township, the trip covering a period of twenty-two days. Here he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land located on section 5, and

owned by William Dunn, one-half of the tract being covered with timber, while an old frame house was the only building that stood on the place. He at once set to work to further clear and develop the land and made many improvements in the way of fences and buildings. In 1858 he erected a large brick residence, and he burned the brick on his place which was used in the construction of the house. From time to time he also increased the boundaries of his farm by adding at different times two eighty-acre tracts, so that in all he owned three hundred and twenty acres all in one body, this being placed under a very high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathered abundant harvests. He was a very prominent and influential man in his part of the country, and his integrity and honesty were never called into question, for he was noted for his reliability and trustworthiness. His death occurred in 1896, while his wife had passed away several years previous to that time, her death occurring in January, 1880.

John H. Crabill is the eldest of five sons and two daughters, of whom one son and both daughters have passed away. He was reared in Ohio to the age of twelve years, where he attended the Runkel district school, and then accompanied his parents on their removal to this state, where he continued his studies in the Rossville district school in this township, near his father's home. He remained under the paternal roof until twenty-four years of age, assisting his father in clearing and developing new land, so that he early became familiar with all the duties and labors of the farm, and

shared with the family in the hardships and privations, as well as the pleasures of a frontier existence.

Choosing as a companion and helpmate for life's journey, he was married, October 10, 1861, to Miss Prudence Tipton, likewise a native of the Buckeye state, her birth having occurred in Muskingum county, December 10, 1842, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunlap) Tipton, natives of Maryland and Ohio respectively. Her mother died in 1845, when the daughter was a little maiden of three years, and the father was afterward married again, his second union being with Margaret Lloyd, a native of Ohio, where they were married, and in 1856 the father removed with his family to Illinois, their home being established in McDonough county, where the father passed away about 1888, while his widow survived until 1889, when she, too, passed away.

Following this marriage Mr. Crabill located on a farm on section 34, La Harpe township, which he operated for one year, when he removed to Sheridan county, Missouri, remaining there one year, after which he returned to Illinois and operated leased land in McDonough and Hancock counties for eleven years, when, in 1872, he returned to the old homestead farm and continued his farming operations there until the time of his father's death, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the estate, and has here continued his residence to the present time. He has continued the work of development and improvement which was begun by his father and now has an up-to-date and well improved farm property.

From time to time he has added to his landed possessions and now owns two hundred and six acres all in one body, lying on section 5, Fountain Green township, and at one time he owned eighty acres on section 4, but has since disposed of this to his son Frank. In addition to carrying on general farming pursuits, Mr. Crabill is also engaged quite extensively in raising stock, including Norman horses, Short Horn cattle and Poland-China hogs, and this branch of his business is proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and five daughters, namely: Ida, now the wife of J. W. Ketchum, of Durham township; Ella, at home; Benjamin, of Fountain Green township; Emma, the widow of William Burrow, who likewise resides in this township; Frank, who owns and operates a farm in this township; Marv, the wife of Edward Rich, of this township; Janie and Fred, at home; Mahlon, who lives in this township; and Ray, at home.

Politically a democrat, Mr. Crabill has taken a deep and helpful interest in the work of the party, having served three terms as assessor, while for twelve years he acted as school director. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the lodge at La Harpe, and is popular among the brethren of the craft. Having resided in Illinois since the age of twelve years, which covers a period of more than a half century, the greater portion of which has been spent in Hancock county, he has here a very wide and favorable acquaintance, for the name of Crabill has long been associated with the develop-

ment and improvement of this portion of the state. He is ever reliable in all trade transactions and has won the confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact and is accounted one of the representative agriculturists of this county.

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#### ROBERT C. GIBSON.

Robert C. Gibson is the owner of one of one of the model farm properties of Hancock county, situated in Pilot Grove township, and is also engaged in general merchandising and in the hardware business at Burnside under the firm name of R. C. Gibson & Company. He is likewise one of the extensive landowners of the county and is a factor in its financial circles. The extent and importance of his interests make him one of the foremost representatives of business interests in this part of the state, and while promoting individual success he has at the same time contributed to general progress and prosperity, which are ever dependent upon the activity and enterprise of the leading business men of the community.

Mr. Gibson was born on section 27, Pilot Grove township, Hancock county, August 11, 1850, and in the common schools of the township acquired his education, while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, James and Angeline (Bennett) Gibson. The father, a native of Ireland, came to this country with his father, the mother having died on the Emerald isle. He was at that time

only three years of age. The grandfather of our subject settled in New York and there engaged in farming and also worked on the canal. When still a young lad James Gibson also began working on the canal and was there employed until about eighteen years of age. He at first was driver on a packetboat and afterward worked on what was called a scow boat, utilized in dredging out and repairing the canal. He continued in that labor until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and came to the middle west, locating first near Rushville in Schuyler county, Illinois, where he spent a few months. He afterward went to Ray county, Missouri, where he remained for about two years, and then became a resident of McDonough county, Illinois, where he purchased land and made his home for about three years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode on section 27, Pilot Grove township, Hancock county, and invested in eighty acres of land upon which he made his home, residing there for about forty years. When the four decades had passed he removed to section 16 of the same township, where he lived for fifteen years and afterward located at Burnside, where for eight years he lived retired from active business cares. His life had been one of untiring activity and enterprise through a long period and he well merited the rest which came to him in the evening of his days. He died at Burnside at the age of eighty-nine years and was a respected resident of the locality, for he was a faithful member of the Christian church and had lived in harmony with its teachings and his professions. His po-

litical support was given to the democracy. His wife passed away in 1860, at the age of forty-four years. She, too, was a member of the Christian church and both lie buried in McKay cemetery. They were the parents of four children of whom two are now living.

Born and reared on the old homestead Robert C. Gibson continued to reside there until five years ago, when he purchased his present farm just north of the village of Burnside, comprising one hundred and thirty-six acres. He has placed all of the improvements upon it and has a model farm, on which he raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He also engages in stock raising and has fed from one hundred to five hundred head of cattle annually for the past thirty years. He has likewise made investment in property that has proved profitable and is today the owner of eleven hundred and forty acres of the rich farming land of Hancock county, all of which is well improved, the greater part being in Pilot Grove township. He therefore stands as one of the leading representatives of agricultural interests, and his success is richly merited, having come to him through capable business management, unfaltering industry and close application. In addition to his farming interests he has many other business enterprises under his control. Being a man of resourceful ability he readily recognizes and utilizes the opportunities which surround all. He engages in general merchandising and also in the hardware business at Burnside under the firm style of R. C. Gibson & Company. For two years he was vice president of the State Bank at Burnside

and he was one of the organizers of the White Cottage Telephone Company, of which he has been treasurer and the officer of the line since its establishment. He erected a large brick store building in Burnside and is one of its most enterprising citizens, having contributed in large and substantial measure to its growth and improvement through the conduct of his varied interests.

Mr. Gibson was married on the 7th of November, 1872, to Miss Hattie Lowrey, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, a daughter of Edward and Hattie Lowrey, who came to Hancock county about 1865. The father was for many years a farmer of Carthage township and died at the age of eighty-eight years, while his wife passed away when eighty-seven years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have been born six children, all of whom are living, as follows: Elmer, a farmer of Pilot Grove township, where he owns one hundred and sixty acres of land, married Amanda Miller, by whom he has a daughter, Frances. Charles C., residing on section 27, Pilot Grove township, wedded Miss Carrie Pennock, by whom he has a son, Virgil. James F. is a practicing attorney in Carthage, and is represented elsewhere in this volume. He married Miss Birdie Tyner, and they have one son, James. Iva is now the wife of John Houd, their home being in Dallas, Illinois. She is the mother of one child, Arlo. Ida is the wife of Lesley Bradfield, and has one child, Elzie. Sylvia is at home, and completes the family. All were born and educated in Pilot Grove township.

Mr. Gibson is a member of the Ma-

sonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Royal Arch degree and also holds membership relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife is a member of the Christian church and is a lady of culture and refinement. They have a handsome modern home upon their farm, together with large barns and other outbuildings, all of which are kept in perfect repair and are typical of the utmost spirit of progress and improvement along agricultural lines. Mr. Gibson is widely recognized as a most public-spirited man and has taken an active and helpful interest in many movements which have been of direct benefit to the community and the county. In manner he is free from ostentation and display, caring not for notoriety, yet he deserves the praise that is usually given a self-made man and the high regard which is accorded him by his friends. Among the names of the prominent business men of Hancock county who have been closely identified with its interests and have assisted in its rapid and substantial growth he is numbered. By the force of his native ability and steady perseverance he has raised himself to a position of wealth and honor.

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WILLIAM OLIVER BUTLER,  
D. D. S.

Dr. William Oliver Butler, serving for the second term as postmaster of La Harpe and has for almost a third of a century been an able and leading repre-

sentative of the dental fraternity here, was born in St. Francisville, Missouri, March 25, 1850. His father, Noah B. Butler, was born near Louisville, Kentucky, and in early manhood wedded Lucinda C. Dickenson, a native of Tennessee, whose birth occurred near Memphis. His grandparents were Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Payne) Butler, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. The father, Noah B. Butler, became a physician and in the spring of 1851 removed to La Harpe, Illinois, accompanied by his wife and then their only child, William O. For a quarter of a century thereafter Dr. Butler devoted his time and energies to the practice of medicine, continuing an active representative of the medical fraternity in this town until his death, which occurred September 17, 1876. His widow still survives him and makes her home in La Harpe.

William Oliver Butler, the eldest in a family of seven sons, spent his boyhood days in La Harpe and completed his literary education by a course of study at Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois. He afterward began preparation for the medical profession in the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis and afterward attended the Pennsylvania Dental College. Between the two periods of his college work, however, he engaged in practice for two years. He was graduated in the spring of 1876 but had purchased the practice of D. W. Mills in 1873. While he was attending his second course of lectures a dentist from Burlington, Iowa, took charge of his practice. He now occupies one of the finest offices in the state in towns of the size of La Harpe

and has a large practice, which is accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability. His equipment is unusually good and he has always kept in touch with the progress made by the profession as the years have gone by. On the 15th of June, 1882, Dr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Louella Holliday, who was born in Shelbina, Missouri, June 27, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of Blandisville, Illinois, and in Lewiston Seminary in Fulton county, this state. She is a daughter of Louis and Mary (Parker) Holliday, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Butler have been born five daughters and two sons, but one of the sons is now deceased.

Dr. Butler has given close attention to his professional duties and yet has found time for activity in political and fraternal circles. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery and has held the position of deputy grand lecturer of the state of Illinois since 1883. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he belongs to the Christian church, in which he has long served as deacon and has also been secretary for six years. In his political views he is an earnest republican and in 1901 was reappointed by President Roosevelt to the office of postmaster, in which position he is now serving. He takes a deep interest in clean politics, being opposed to misrule in municipal affairs and feeling that political business should be administered with the same honesty and fidelity that is demanded in industrial, commercial or professional life. In his own ca-

reer he has been actuated by worthy motives and high principles and during almost a lifelong residence in La Harpe, covering a period of fifty-five years, he has commanded the uniform confidence and respect of his fellowmen by his close adherence to rules of conduct and action that neither seek nor require disguise.

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### GEORGE WALKER.

Investigation into the history of any community will show that a few courageous spirits have become pioneer settlers and that the work that they have instituted, the plans they have formed and the labors they have carried forward constitute the foundation upon which has been builded all of the later progress and prosperity. It was to this class of citizens that George Walker belonged and his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Warsaw and of Hancock county. He was born in Maryland, February 29, 1804, his parents being John and Mary (Wilmot) Walker. He was reared in the place of his nativity and attended the old-time subscription schools of that day, pursuing his studies for only about three months each year. In the school of experience, however, he learned many valuable lessons and became a well informed man of good practical business education. He was reared to farm life and in early manhood became a firm believer in the Christian religion. When but nineteen years of age he began preach-

ing as a minister of the Baptist faith and for fifty years continued the work of the gospel. He reared his family in that faith and labored untiringly for the upbuilding of his church. He never accepted a dollar for marrying a couple, for preaching at a funeral or for any religious service, but gave his time and talent freely to the gospel work.

While living in Kentucky Mr. Walker rented land from Zachary Taylor and in 1831 had his goods all packed ready to load and start for Illinois. He was at that time taken sick with bronchitis and did not come till 1833. He first located at Quincy and two weeks later entered one hundred and sixty-two acres of land about twenty-two miles north of that city. There he began the development and improvement of a farm upon which he resided through the succeeding two years. On the expiration of that period, in 1833, he purchased six hundred and forty acres of land from two attorneys who spent the night at his home. An interesting fact about these attorneys is that on that trip they were going from Carthage to Quincy on horseback. One horse gave out and they put both saddles on the remaining horse and with each man in a saddle on the one horse proceeded on their way to Quincy and were thus riding when they stopped over night at Mr. Walker's residence. This tract was located a half mile south and a quarter of a mile west of the land which he had entered for a dollar and a quarter per acre. Upon his second purchase he built a double log house with one room above and two below. This was his home until 1849, in which year he built a kiln,



burned brick and then erected a brick residence.

Mr. Walker was closely identified with the early development and progress of his portion of the state and for years was one of the largest land holders of Hancock county. He shared in the usual hardships and privations of pioneer life, but as the years passed by changes were wrought and he was enabled to secure all of the advantages and comforts known to the older civilization of the east and south. For many years he engaged extensively in stock raising, being one of the leading representatives of this business in his section of the state. He also made large purchases of land and after giving one hundred and sixty acres to each of his seven children he had over two thousand acres remaining. He was perhaps the wealthiest citizen of his locality at this time. He improved his land from its primitive condition, setting out immense orchards and placing his fields under a high state of cultivation.

In 1870, Mr. Walker went to Florida and set out an orange orchard covering five hundred acres within three miles of Jacksonville. He remained there for nine winters and in the tenth winter was stricken with paralysis. He also purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land adjoining the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe and he and his family became well acquainted with the Stowe family, by whom they were entertained for some days. He was a very industrious man of unflinching perseverance and indeed may be numbered among the world's workers. He was a man of keen insight into business affairs and of un-

faltering energy and was seldom at error in a matter of business judgment. He became moreover one of the influential and leading citizens of the community and in 1848 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature of Illinois. He spent two winters in Springfield and became associated with many of the distinguished men of the state. During the second winter in company with Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln and Jacob C. Davis in a hired vehicle he drove to his home in Hancock county, a distance of one hundred and twenty miles, to make a visit over Sunday. They arrived Friday night, and that night such a heavy fall of snow took place that the next Monday morning they had to drive a herd of cattle ahead of them to break the road to Quincy, to which place they rode on horseback. They were three days in getting to Springfield. Mr. Walker was re-elected to the Illinois legislature in 1854, his family, however, remaining upon the farm, while he discharged his official duties in the general assembly. He took an active part in the deliberations of that body and was connected with much of the constructive legislation of that period. In his home community he was also elected justice of the peace and filled that office for fifteen years, his home being his courthouse. Mrs. Robert McMahan, who was an exceedingly bright girl, would sit at her father's knee when between the ages of eight and twelve years and from his dictation would read the revised statutes to the court. His political allegiance was given to the democracy, but though he differed in his views from many of the distinguished Illinois

statesmen of that period he always enjoyed their warm personal regard and friendship.

In May, 1826, Mr. Walker was married to Miss Rachel Clark, a daughter of James and Susan (Naswanner) Clark. Mrs. Walker was born in Pennsylvania and by this marriage there were nine children. Henry M., the eldest, lived near Carthage, Illinois, but died in California at the age of seventy-nine years. He had four sons, one of whom, Charles William, is living in Carthage, George Sanford in Missouri, Franklin W., on a farm near Carthage, and one, John Henry C., probate judge in Ft. Collins. John E. Walker, the second of the family, born in February, 1829, was a railroad man and died in 1891, at the age of sixty-two years, leaving a wife and two children, who are residents of Boston, Massachusetts. Mary Jane is the wife of Dr. James Caples, living about sixteen miles from Sacramento, in Sacramento county, California. Rebecca Ann is the widow of Joseph Iler and lives in Gault, California, about thirty-two miles from Sacramento. James Ely died at the age of five years. George Walker died in 1905 in Warsaw, leaving a son, Warren W., of Joplin, Missouri, and a daughter, Mrs. Lillian Pederson. Susan Frances became the wife of Robert McMahan and is mentioned later in this sketch. Henrietta became the wife of Taylor Doty and after his death married James Jenkins and died April 17, 1904, on the old home farm in Hancock county. Charles Pierce is a resident of Los Angeles, California, where he is engaged in merchandising and is also vice president of a bank. The

father, George Walker, died October 9, 1879, at the age of seventy-five years and his wife passed away October 9, 1883, also when seventy-five years of age. In the years of an active and useful career he had become widely known and in fact was one of the historic figures in Illinois history during the middle portion of the nineteenth century. His influence was widely felt in behalf of public improvement, his business operations were of an extensive and profitable character and his genuine personal worth was such as to win for him the admiration, good will and respect of all with whom he came in contact. Though more than a quarter of a century has passed away since he was called to his final rest he is yet remembered by many of the early citizens of the county who knew and honored him.

As before stated, Susan Frances Walker became the wife of Robert McMahan. The latter was a son of Andrew McMahan, a native of Kentucky, who came to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1831. This was the year of the great snow—a winter memorable in the history of Illinois. There were few settlers in the northern part of the state and the central and southern sections were but sparsely settled. All over Illinois there were great stretches of unimproved lands and Mr. McMahan took up a tract of government land of about one hundred and sixty acres which was developed into a good farm and remained the family homestead until the death of himself and wife. As the years passed by he added to his original holdings until he became an extensive landed proprietor

and at the time of his demise still retained possession of six hundred acres, while in the meantime he had given to each of his four children a tract of one hundred and sixty acres.

Three of his children are now living, while Angeline, who became the wife of Captain Williams, of Warsaw, died March 26, 1901.

Robert William McMahan, born June 15, 1830, on the old family homestead in Hancock county, Illinois, acquired his education in the subscription schools of the early day. He was reared to farm life, spending the greater part of the year in the labors of the field and meadow, while in the winter seasons he pursued his studies. With the family he shared in the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of the frontier. He chose as a life occupation the pursuit to which he had been reared and continuously followed farming until he reached the age of sixty-six years, when he retired from business and has since lived in Warsaw, purchasing a beautiful home in the city. On the 13th of July, 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Frances Walker, daughter of George Walker, the honored pioneer, and unto them have been born six children. Clara, the eldest, born April 5, 1860, died June 26, 1864. Charles Homer, born December 4, 1861, is living in Wilcox township, this county. He married Eva J. Knox and they have five children living, while Harry and one other died in infancy. Those who still survive are Carl David, Robert Francis, William R., George Howard and Francis McMahan. Cora E. McMahan died in infancy. Mary Ida

McMahan, born September 15, 1866, is now the wife of David Ayers and their place adjoins the old homestead. They have two children, Francis and David. Nellie Rachel McMahan, born November 25, 1875, is the wife of Howard Baker, a lumberman of St. Louis, Missouri. George W. W. McMahan, born July 9, 1873, lives upon the old homestead and rents the farm which his parents gave him. He married Florence Fry and has one daughter, Anna Rozetta.

John McMahan, the second son of Andrew McMahan, lives on the old homestead where he was born sixty-three years ago. He married Clara Reed, now deceased, and they had five children, of whom one has passed away.

Thomas Jefferson McMahan, the youngest member of the family of Andrew McMahan, is living in St. Louis and has been married twice, but his second wife is also now deceased.

Both the Walker and McMahan families have lived in this county from pioneer times and have been closely associated with its history in all of its various phases. Mr. Walker lived here during the Mormon siege, but did not take part on either side. He saw many houses burned, however, and knew of the whole proceedings. Mrs. McMahan can remember seeing Joseph and Hiram Smith, the Mormon prophets and leaders, who were murdered. She saw the blood on the floor and also the hole made through the window pierced by the bullet that killed Joseph Smith. Her mind bears many interesting pictures of pioneer days and she relates in vivid style and with great accuracy many of the events

which have left their impress upon the annals of Hancock county.

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ASA L. BENNINGTON.

Asa L. Bennington is the leading contractor and builder of La Harpe. No man has done more for the improvement of the village, for the greater part of its leading business houses and fine residences have been erected by him and stand as evidence of his skill and enterprise in the line of his chosen vocation. His life record began in Bloomfield, Iowa, on Christmas day of 1861, his parents being Jacob S. and Emeline (Lane) Bennington, the former born in Adams county, Ohio, December 5, 1826, and the latter near Mount Sterling, Illinois, December 24, 1829. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Bennington, was born in Pennsylvania, October 20, 1789, and was reared near Hagerstown, Maryland. He wedded Jane C. Ramsey, who was born near Boone Station, Kentucky, January 9, 1799, and was a daughter of Robert Ramsey, who was one of Washington's body guards in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents were Asa and Matilda (Conover) Lane. On leaving Ohio Jacob S. Bennington removed to Davis county, Iowa, and in 1869 became a resident of Henderson county, Illinois, where he lived until 1892, when the family removed to La Harpe. His wife passed away in September, 1885. In their family were the following named: Ma-

tilda, who was born in Iowa, June 7, 1853; Lee J., born in Iowa, December 11, 1856; John F., born in Iowa, May 10, 1858; Phebe M., born in Missouri, August 11, 1863; Jacob S., born in Missouri, March 28, 1865; Carroll L., born in Missouri, April 6, 1867; and Charles, born in Illinois, February 28, 1870.

Asa L. Bennington was reared in his father's home to the age of sixteen years, when he started out upon an independent business career and since that time he has provided entirely for his own support, so that whatever success he has achieved has come as the direct reward of his own labors. He was employed at farm work for about five years and then learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father. He has engaged in building operations since that time and for the past seventeen years has been contracting. At the present writing, in 1906, he has the contract for the erection of the new Carnegie library in La Harpe all the business houses and large buildings and with a few exceptions he has built in this village for the past fourteen years. He keeps abreast with the most modern progress as displayed in the builder's art and his efforts have been an important factor in the substantial improvement of the city, greatly augmenting its attractive appearance. His excellent workmanship and his fidelity to the terms of a contract have been important elements in his success.

In 1891 Mr. Bennington was married to Miss Hattie Landis, who was born April 3, 1871, and is a daughter of Isaac and Finett (Levings) Landis, natives of La Harpe township. They have four

children: Clair, born March 23, 1892; Celia May, January 14, 1894; Beulah Vernon, January 21, 1896; and Minnie M., October 14, 1900.

Mr. Bennington votes with the Republican party and has served for two terms as alderman at La Harpe. Community affairs are of deep interest to him and his co-operation can always be counted upon as a factor to further the welfare and promote the progress of his adopted town. Fraternally he is connected with Bristol lodge, No. 653, I. O. O. F., and with the Modern Woodmen of America, and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of these organizations. An analysis of his character shows that his salient traits are such as are universally admired and valued and in his home town they have made him a representative citizen.

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#### JAMES W. CASSINGHAM.

James W. Cassingham dates his residence in Hancock county since 1857. He is now living retired in La Harpe but was formerly identified with agricultural and manufacturing interests. He was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 16, 1840, and in the paternal line comes of English ancestry, his grandfather being Thomas Cassingham, a native of England. His father, James Cassingham, was also born in that country and came with his parents to America in 1826, the family home being established upon a farm in Ohio. In early life he learned

the shoemaker's trade, which he followed throughout his entire business career. He wedded Miss Martha Oden, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Elias Oden, and they became the parents of four children, three sons and a daughter.

James W. Cassingham, the third in order of birth, left home in 1855 when only fifteen years of age and came to Illinois with a family of the name of Decker, settling upon a farm in McDonough county. There Mr. Cassingham remained until March, 1857, when he left the Decker family and came to Hancock county, where he was employed at farm labor by the month until 1861. When the tocsin of war sounded and men from all departments of life flocked to the standard of the country, coming from the workshop, the fields, the offices and the counting rooms, he too gave evidence of his spirit of valor and loyalty and on the 10th of May, 1861; enlisted in the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry as a member of Company F. He served for four years, being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in July 8, 1865. He was once wounded, though not seriously, and after the close of the war, having for four years been a most faithful soldier, he returned to Hancock county, settling in La Harpe township near the village of La Harpe. There he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he cultivated for almost a quarter of a century, or until 1889, when he took up his abode in the town. In that year, in connection with C. H. Ingraham and J. R. Booth, he established a brick manufacturing plant in La Harpe and was engaged in the manufacture of brick for

about ten years, when he sold his interest to Mr. Ingraham and retired from active business. On the 26th of February, 1903, he sold his farm of one hundred and sixty acres, all of which was under cultivation.

Mr. Cassingham was married February 4, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Bryan, who was born March 22, 1839, in Pennsylvania. They became the parents of six children: Arthur, who was born December 18, 1866, and resides in Memphis, Missouri; Martha, who was born November 10, 1868, and is the wife of Warren Talbott, of Warren county, Illinois; Charlie C., who was born October 25, 1870, and lives in Spokane, Washington; Mary D., who was born March 22, 1872, and is the wife of John M. Lyon, of La Harpe; Rose, who was born August 2, 1876, and is the wife of Herbert Locke, of Blandinsville, Illinois; and Lora, who was born September 16, 1879, and who is the wife of Clifford Prather, of La Harpe. On the 21st of October, 1886, the family mourned the death of the wife and mother, who on that day passed away at the age of forty-seven years. On the 1st of October, 1887, Mr. Cassingham wedded Mary A. Bryan, the widow of Cowden M. Bryan. She was born in La Harpe, April 24, 1845. It was soon after his second marriage that Mr. Cassingham retired from the farm and removed to La Harpe, where he has since resided. His political affiliation is given to the Republican party and in the Masonic fraternity he has taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter. A residence of almost a half century in this county makes him widely known and numbers

him with its early settlers, while his activity in agricultural and manufacturing lines gained him considerable prominence as well as a gratifying measure of success in his business dealings, so that he is now enabled to live retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has justly earned and richly deserves.

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#### SAMUEL C. VINCENT.

Samuel C. Vincent, deceased, came to Hancock county in 1844 and although he passed away in 1870 he is yet remembered by many of the older settlers who knew him and respected him as a man of genuine personal worth. He was born January 6, 1822, in West Avon, Livingston county, New York, and attended school in Erie county, that state, but was largely self-educated. On the 8th of October, 1843, he wedded Mary J. Andrews, who was born in Connecticut in 1821. In the spring of 1844 they removed to La Harpe, where for about ten years Mr. Vincent was engaged in teaching school. Soon after his arrival in this county, however, he purchased a tract of land, to which he added at intervals until at his death he owned one hundred and sixty acres of land in the corporate limits of La Harpe. He died August 15, 1870, leaving a wife and six children. He was well known among the early settlers of this part of the county and his interests were closely allied with its progress and development.

for he gave hearty support to any movement that tended to promote the material or moral welfare of his community.

The six children of the Vincent family are: Mary A., born April 24, 1845, and now the wife of J. W. Cassingham; Maria Rosabel, who was born April 10, 1847, and is the wife of Farmer R. Nudd; Frances A., who was born February 19, 1850, and is the wife of Frank James, of Galesburg, Illinois; Byron Zelotus, who was born July 4, 1852, and is in Shenandoah, Iowa; Judith Keziah, who was born July 8, 1855, and after her marriage to Charles Sanford died in December, 1875; and Elma, who was born September 19, 1858, and died October 25, 1903. The mother, Mrs. Mary J. Vincent, passed away January 28, 1890.

The eldest daughter, Mary A. Vincent, was educated in the public schools of La Harpe and at the age of fifteen began teaching, which profession she followed for fourteen years. She was then married, on the 1st of July, 1874, to Cowden M. Bryan, who was born in Pennsylvania, June 16, 1830, a son of Jacob and Mary (Bagsley) Bryan, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. Cowden M. Bryan came to La Harpe township with his parents about 1840 and lived upon a farm until 1857, when they removed to the village of La Harpe. He was a natural mechanic and possessed considerable genius in that direction. At different times he was connected with photography, gunsmithing and the jewelry business and conducted a jewelry store in La Harpe for about fifteen years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bryan was born

a daughter, Juie L. Bryan, whose birth occurred March 27, 1875, and who on the 21st of August, 1894, became the wife of Frank J. Scott, now a resident of Galesburg, Illinois. The death of Mr. Bryan occurred December 9, 1884, and on the 1st of October, 1888, his widow became the wife of James W. Cassingham, of La Harpe township.

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#### JAMES J. MOFFITT.

Few native sons of Hancock county can claim so extended a residence within its borders as James J. Moffit, who was born on section 7, Sonora township, February 15, 1831. This was the winter of the great snow in Illinois—memorable in the history of the county—and a year prior to the Black Hawk war, a fact which indicates that the Indians were still numerous in this part of the Mississippi valley. His parents were John and Mary (Moffit) Moffit, natives of county Sligo, Ireland. The latter was a daughter of Thomas Moffit, who on a sailing vessel crossed the Atlantic from the Emerald isle to the new world, and made his way to St. Louis by the Ohio river route and up the Mississippi. Eventually he settled in St. Clair county, Illinois, living on the river bottom for three years, after which he returned to the state of New York and took up his abode in Rochester. John Moffitt, father of our subject, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1818, and settled in the district of

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked at farm labor for two years. At the end of that time he journeyed westward with George Middleton and his uncle, James Moffitt, going to Galena, Illinois, where he worked in the lead mines for three years. They then left that state in canoes, floating down the Mississippi river. Becoming hungry while thus making their way down the stream, they one evening saw a light, toward which they proceeded to make their way. It was upon the present site of the city of Quincy, and on landing they found there a camp of Indians, so that they hastily made their departure. They continued on their way to St. Louis, and in a short time left that place for Rochester, New York, making the overland journey with ox teams. John Moffitt was married there about 1826 to Miss Mary Moffitt, and with his bride returned to St. Louis, where he resided until the fall of 1828, when he came to Hancock county, settling near Nauvoo. He entered from the government about three hundred and twenty acres of land on sections 7 and 18, Sonora township, most of which was at that time covered with timber. In the midst of the forest he built a log cabin and began clearing away the trees. As soon as it was possible to plow he would place his land under cultivation and in the course of time became the owner of a well developed property there. The year 1839 witnessed the advent of the Mormons into that locality and he gave them some of his land that they might improve it. The pictures of pioneer life indicated exactly the conditions which existed in Hancock county at that period. The streams were

unbridged, the prairie was covered with its native grasses, the timber was uncut, and only here and there had a little clearing been made to show that the work of civilization had been begun on the frontier, while deer was plentiful and there were many wild animals roaming over the prairies or in the woods. The Indians, too, were numerous and going upon the warpath, Mr. Moffitt, during the Black Hawk war, enlisted in the army under Captain James White. He participated in the military movements that ended in the ejection of the savages and received a land warrant for his services. He afterward added to his land until he had about four hundred acres in Sonora township. He figured prominently in many events which are now recognized as of historic importance and lived in this locality throughout the period of the Mormon difficulty. He saw them establish the city of Nauvoo, and later saw them driven from their homes and the Mormon temple destroyed by fire. He died March 15, 1853, while his wife long survived him, passing away March 17, 1881. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom three sons and three daughters reached mature years but the daughters are all now deceased. The living sons are: James J.; John, a lawyer of Chicago; and Thomas B., who is living on the old home place.

James J. Moffitt lived with his parents until 1852, sharing with the family in the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and aiding in the work of the fields when plowing, planting and harvesting were largely done by hand, for the improved farm machinery of the present day was



then unknown. In 1852 he went to California, starting across the country with ox teams, and after getting near the mountains he traded his oxen for pack horses. At length the party with which he traveled reached Eldorado county, Colorado, where he remained for a year and a half. During that period his father died, and his mother wishing him to return home, he made the journey by way of the Nicaragua route and up the Mississippi to Nauvoo. He then remained with his mother and established a general mercantile business in connection with T. J. Newton, his father-in-law. Three years later, on account of failing health, he retired from the store and took up his abode on his farm, which comprised eighty acres of the old homestead. He then bought forty acres from his sister and subsequently made purchase of another tract, so that he owned altogether one hundred and seventy acres on section 7, Sonora township. In 1859 he erected a good frame residence thereon and has since made some additions to this house.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Moffitt chose Miss Samantha A. Newton, to whom he was married on the 13th of February, 1855. She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1837, a daughter of Timothy J. and Fidelia (Webster) Moffitt, the former a native of Erie and the latter of Fredonia, New York. She is also a granddaughter of Thomas and Mary (Hillsgrove) Newton, natives of England, and Ebenezer and Roxie (Benjamin) Webster, natives of New England. Mrs. Moffitt was the eldest of seven children and accompanied her parents on their removal from the

Keystone state to Canfield, Trumbull county, Ohio. A year later they became residents of Rochester, Iowa, where her father engaged in merchandising, and in May, 1847, they took up their abode in Nauvoo, where the following spring Mr. Newton established a general mercantile store, which he conducted successfully until his death on the 4th of February, 1860. His wife long survived him and died March 24, 1891. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt were born seven children: Ida E., now of Billings, Montana; Francis E., who died at the age of one and a half years; Louis J., who is engaged in mining at Wallace, Idaho; Mary F., the wife of J. Henry Dover, a cattle dealer and horseman of Billings, Montana; James A., who died at the age of two years; Julia, the wife of J. F. Ochsner, of Nauvoo; and Edward P., who is cashier in a bank at Anaconda, Montana.

Mr. Moffitt is a democrat and has held the offices of assessor, collector and other local positions. His religious faith is that of the Catholic church. The name of Moffitt has been interwoven with the history of the county since its earliest pioneer development, and he of whom we write has taken an active and helpful part in the progress and improvement from a very early period. His mind bears the impress of many of the early historic annals of the county and he can relate many interesting incidents of this locality, when it was a frontier section far removed from the older settled districts of the east because of the lack of all rapid transportation facilities or rapid means of communication. It was then the "far west," in which there were many

difficulties of pioneer life to be borne, while dangers were not lacking owing to the proximity of the red men and their opposition to the encroachments of the white race upon their hunting grounds. Mr. Moffitt has lived to see remarkable changes here and as a worthy pioneer settler deserves prominent mention in this volume.

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WILLIAM K. SMITH, M. D.

Dr. William K. Smith, successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in La Harpe, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of December, 1844, of Scotch parentage.

Dr. Smith completed his more specifically literary education in a high school of Iowa and having determined upon the practice of medicine and surgery as a life work he prepared for his chosen calling in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1875. He had, however, been a student in the Chicago Medical College in the winter of 1867-8 but completed his medical training in Keokuk. He entered upon the active practice of medicine in Mercer county, Illinois, and was a practitioner of Henderson county, Illinois, from 1869 to 1883, when he came to La Harpe, where he has since built up a good business, having today an extensive patronage which is indicative of the confidence reposed in his skill by the general public.

In early manhood Dr. Smith enlisted

for service as a soldier of the Civil war in 1861, becoming a member of the Ninth Missouri Infantry, with which he served until the spring of 1862, when that regiment became the Fifty-ninth Illinois Infantry. He continued at the front for three years and was honorably discharged in 1864 but was afterward attached to the cavalry bureau and did duty in the southwest and on the frontier until 1866. The same spirit of loyalty that he displayed during the dark days of the Civil war has always been manifest in his citizenship.

In January, 1873, Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Hubbard, who was born in Hatfield, Hampshire county, Massachusetts, a daughter of the Hon. Elisha and Cordelia (Randall) Hubbard, who were natives of Massachusetts. Dr. and Mrs. Smith have now resided in La Harpe for twenty-three years and have a wide acquaintance here, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended them. Moreover Dr. Smith has the respect of his professional brethren, for he always closely adheres to a high standard of professional ethics and has that laudable ambition which prompts thorough and discriminating study whereby his skill and efficiency are being continually increased.

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WILLIAM L. WOODSIDE.

William L. Woodside, who for many years was connected with agricultural in-

terests in McDonough county, Illinois, but is now living retired in La Harpe, was born in Washington county, Virginia, February 2, 1833, a son of John G. and Jane Woodside, natives of Virginia and North Carolina respectively. His paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Goliher) Woodside, also natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation and at a very early period in the development of Illinois made his way across the country to this state from Virginia, being six weeks on the road. He arrived in Blandinsville township, McDonough county, November 16, 1833, and took up his abode in a little log cabin on section 9, securing the title to one hundred and sixty acres of land. Not a furrow had been turned or an improvement made upon the farm and with characteristic energy he began its development, clearing away the timber and breaking the prairie land and in course of time the farm was developed into a good property, the fields yielding rich returns in bounteous harvests. There the father resided until his life's labors were ended in death on the 18th of March, 1853, and his wife survived until September 23, 1871, when she, too, was called to her final rest.

William L. Woodside was the youngest of a family of three sons and three daughters and is now the only one surviving. He was educated in the common schools of McDonough county and after his father's death he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead property, which was then partially improved. In 1872 he built a large frame house. He also has a large hay and horse

barn on the place and grain and implement sheds. He bought at different times one hundred and fifteen acres which is situated on the northwest corner of the old home place. The land has never been out of possession of the family and through the efforts of Mr. Woodside and his father has been converted into a very valuable and productive farm. In all of his business undertakings he has been practical and progressive and his labors have brought him very desirable success. He continued to engage in general farming and stock raising until October 2, 1899, when he was injured by a tree falling upon him, breaking his left leg and hurting him internally. He was confined to his bed all winter and on the 7th of March, 1900, the family removed to La Harpe, where he has since resided. He remained upon the old homestead place from November 16, 1833, until March, 1900, covering a period of more than two thirds of a century. He still owns the farm, which he now rents for six dollars per acre and this brings him a very gratifying income. On the 1st of March, 1901, he purchased his present residence on East Main street and is now comfortably situated in a pleasant home in La Harpe.

On the 10th of April, 1859, Mr. Woodside was married to Miss Mary Isabell Frits, who was born in Monroe county, Indiana, August 24, 1839, a daughter of Captain James Frits, who commanded Company F of the Sixteenth Illinois Infantry in the Civil war and was a brave and loyal soldier. Her mother bore the maiden name of Julia Ann Kern and was born in Indiana, while Mr. Frits was a

native of Virginia. Mrs. Frits' parents were Conrad and Mary A. (Berry) Kern. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woodside have been born six children: Thomas Franklin, who was born April 1, 1860, and is living in Keokuk, Iowa; Emma Jane, born January 1, 1862, and now the wife of Nathan Ferris, of Blandinsville, Illinois; Sarah Louisa, born July 23, 1864, and now the wife of Joel Smith, of Walnut, Kansas; Mary Ella, born January 11, 1868; Jennie May, who was born May 14, 1870, and is the wife of J. E. Quayle, of Orion, Illinois; Mina Alice, who was born October 18, 1874, and is the wife of Dr. C. H. Stockon, of Loveland, Colorado. The wife and mother passed away October 18, 1903, and was laid to rest in La Harpe cemetery. She was a most estimable lady and they had traveled life's journey together for forty-four years. Mr. Woodside is a member of the Christian church, in the work of which he has taken an active and helpful interest. He served as deacon of the church for many years and was clerk and treasurer for ten years. His political allegiance has been given to the Republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he is a member of the Blue lodge of Masons and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. His entire life has been passed in this section of Illinois and he has a wide acquaintance, having long been known as an enterprising farmer and one thoroughly reliable in all business transactions. His success is attributable in very large measure to his own efforts and his perseverance and energy have enabled him to work his way steadily upward until he is

now numbered among the men of affluence living in La Harpe.

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#### JOHN FAULKNER.

John Faulkner, a horticulturist and agriculturist living in Sonora township, is one of the worthy citizens that Pennsylvania has furnished to Hancock county. His birth occurred in Chester county of the Keystone state, on the 6th of June, 1839, and he comes of Irish and German lineage. The paternal grandfather, a native of the Emerald isle, took up his abode in New Jersey in the latter part of the eighteenth century and died soon afterward. His son, James Faulkner, was born in Ireland and came to the United States when only eighteen months old. When about fifteen years old he went to sea and for five years was upon the water. He was afterward married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Miss Catherine Kimes, who was born in Pennsylvania and was a daughter of Jacob Kimes, a native of Germany. The young couple began their domestic life in the Keystone state and James Faulkner worked at the shoemaker's trade, which he had learned after leaving the sea. In the spring of 1844, however, he made his way westward to Nauvoo but on reaching his destination he found things very different than had been reported and in consequence thereof he removed to Augusta, where he lived until 1848, when he returned to Nauvoo. Not long after-

ward he purchased sixty acres of land on section 6, Sonora township, and ninety acres in Appanoose township, where he carried on general farming and also raised stock. Thus his life was one of activity and his industry was to him a source of gratifying income. He died December 28, 1870, and was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery, at Nauvoo, on the first day of the year, 1871. His wife survived him for exactly fifteen years, passing away on the 28th of December, 1885. In their family were the following named: Ellen, who died the wife of Martin Roser. Mrs. Sarah Ritter, of Fort Madison, Iowa; John, of this review; Mrs. Catherine Fulton, of Sonora township; and Mrs. Mary Webber, of Las Vegas, New Mexico.

John Faulkner was only about six years of age when his parents removed from Pennsylvania to Hancock county, so that his education was acquired in the common schools of this part of the state. He always remained at home with his parents and following their death he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old home property, since which time he has resided upon and conducted the farm. He raises peaches and grapes, having six acres planted to both fruits. He has followed farming with the best methods of carrying on agricultural pursuits and has made a close study of the work of cultivating fruit trees, so as to produce the best results. He and his father built a house of stone taken from their place, and he also has a large barn thirty-two by thirty-six feet with stone basement.

On the 7th of October, 1871, Mr.

Faulkner was married to Miss Lillian Ward, who was born in Middletown, Ohio, August 3, 1850, a daughter of James and Margaret C. (Striker) Ward, natives of Ireland and New Jersey respectively, the latter a daughter of Stephen A. Striker. Mr. and Mrs. Ward were married in Ohio in 1841, and for some years he engaged in merchandising in Middletown. In 1852, however, he closed out his business interests in the Buckeye state and came to Nauvoo, after living for one year at Montrose, where he conducted a tavern. Subsequent to his abode in Nauvoo, he lived retired. His wife died May 12, 1852, while he survived until February 4, 1874. Each had been previously married, this being their second union. Mr. Ward had three children by his first wife, and she had two children by her first husband. There were four children by the second union: Ella, the wife of Fred Hellerrich, of Louisville, Kentucky; Laura S., the wife of Frank Brown, of Marion county, Missouri; and Charles and Lillian, twins, but the former died in infancy.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner was blessed with nine children: Mary, who was born August 26, 1872, and is the wife of Thomas G. Kelly, of Rock Creek township; James, who was born February 16, 1874, and is now living in Carthage; John, who was born April 9, 1876, and resides in Sonora township; Helen, born July 19, 1878; William, who was born November 5, 1880, and is located in Nauvoo; Aloysius, who was born December 19, 1882, and is at home; Thomas, who was born April 1, 1885, and died in December, 1886; Lorena,

born July 1, 1889; and Henry, August 8, 1891. The family are communicants of the Catholic church at Nauvoo, and Mr. Faulkner's political support is given to the Democratic party. More than six decades have passed since he came to this county and he has therefore witnessed the greater part of its growth and development, for the work of progress had been scarcely begun when he took up his abode within its borders. He has vivid recollections of the typical pioneer conditions, for in his youth much land was still uncultivated, while the log cabin was no unusual feature in the landscape. Now these primitive homes have been replaced by substantial farm residences and there is every evidence of advancement along agricultural and horticultural lines as well as industrial and commercial pursuits.

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#### HUGH JACKSON.

Hugh Jackson, a prominent and progressive farmer, owning one hundred and forty acres of valuable land situated on section 23, Appanoose township, is a native of Fulton county, New York, his natal day being September 23, 1837. His parents, James and Mary (Ferguson) Jackson, were natives of Scotland, the father born near Glasgow, while the mother's birth occurred on the island of Bute. The paternal grandparents were James and Bell (Thompson) Jackson, and the maternal grandparents were Hugh and Catherine (McFarlane) Fer-

guson, who located in Fulton county, New York, about 1830, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits. The father of our subject emigrated from Scotland to America in 1832, his destination being Fulton county, in the Empire state, where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ferguson. Here he engaged in farming until 1840, when he removed to Albany county, where his death occurred in November, 1861. His widow then came to Hancock county in 1862, where she passed away in July, 1885. In their family were nine children: James, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Hugh, of this review; Peter, of Carthage township, Hancock county; John and Robert, both residents of Appanoose township; William, of Orange county, California; Miller, who was drowned in the Mississippi river in 1867; Lansing, living near Durango, New Mexico; and Catherine, who makes her home with her brothers, John and Robert, in Appanoose township.

Hugh Jackson, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the district schools of New York, and was there reared to farm life, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm until nineteen years of age, when he came to Hancock county, where he worked at farm labor, being in the employ of others until 1862. Saving his earnings, he was at that time able to make purchase of land and engage in farming on his own account. He first bought eighty acres situated on section 23, Appanoose township, which at that time was wild prairie. He improved his land, and placed the fields under cul-

tivation. He built a small house containing three rooms, and he also erected board stables and other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Here he carried on agricultural pursuits and as the years passed by he prospered in his undertakings, so that he was later enabled to make further purchase of land, adding sixty acres which adjoined his original purchase, so that he now has one hundred and forty acres in all. In 1870, he built a kitchen to his house, and in 1886 remodeled and added to his dwelling, so that it now contains eight rooms. In 1872 he built a horse and hay barn, and he also has ample cattle sheds, corn cribs and other outbuildings found upon a model farm of the present age. In addition to his farming interests he formerly engaged extensively in the raising of horses, cattle and hogs, shipping about two carloads of cattle annually. He, however, abandoned this branch of his business in 1895, and since that time has left the more arduous tasks to others and at the present time merely gives supervision to his business interests. In the winter of 1859-60, in company with two comrades, he started with ox teams for Pike's Peak, where he prospected for two months and took up a mining claim, which he later traded for a cow. He then journeyed on to New Mexico, where he disposed of the cow for thirty-five dollars, which was considered a good price. He then sold his oxen and bought ponies and started toward home, stopping in Kansas City, where he disposed of his ponies and took passage on a steamer for New Orleans. He then spent two winters on a steamboat. In the summer

of 1860 he traveled through eastern Kansas and southern Illinois and then returned to New Orleans, where he spent some time, subsequent to which time he went to St. Louis, being in that city at the time of the inauguration of President Lincoln.

On the 30th of March, 1865, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Hammond, who was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1840, and when two years of age was brought by her parents to Hancock county, where the father bought three hundred acres of land, situated in Pontoosuc township, where they both passed away, the former on the 26th of December, 1885, while his wife survived for only four days, passing away on the 30th of the same month, and they were buried in the same grave. In their family were ten children: William, who was killed by lightning; Thomas, who was drowned in the Mississippi river; John, a resident of Monterey county, California; Isaac, of Butler county, Kansas; Mary A., now Mrs. Jackson; James, of Lancaster county, Nebraska; Hannah, the wife of John Cosgrove, of Appanoose township; Fannie, who died in infancy; Sarah, the wife of J. J. Worley, of Valisca, Iowa; and Martha, the widow of Thomas Stretch, of Appanoose township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born the following named: Mary Ellen, born August 29, 1866, married Charles A. Thompson, of Butler county, Kansas. Arthur M., born January 22, 1868, died in Appanoose township June 6, 1905, leaving a widow, who in her maidenhood was Miss Annie Brady, and who now

makes her home in Nauvoo. James T., born November 2, 1871, is employed in a lumber office in Kansas City, Missouri. Ada, born August 18, 1873, is the wife of L. R. Traverse, and makes her home in Oquawka, Illinois. Laura, born June 5, 1875, is at home.

Mr. Jackson gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has taken a very active and helpful interest in the local ranks of his party, being called to fill a number of offices of public trust. He was town clerk for several years, served as supervisor for one year, as collector three years and as township treasurer for twenty years, and in all of these offices he discharged his duties with satisfaction to the public and with credit to himself. In his religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and since 1875 has served as elder of the church.

He is a public-spirited man who gives his aid and co-operation to every movement which tends for the advancement of his community. He has led a very busy life, and, having come to Hancock county when much of the land was still unimproved and uncultivated, he made purchase of a tract which he improved until it is today one of the fine farming properties of Appanoose township.

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#### GEORGE FRAZER.

George Frazer, filling the office of supervisor in Walker township, where he carries on general agricultural pursuits,

is a son of Lafayette and Caroline Frazer, who are mentioned elsewhere in this volume, in connection with the sketch of J. I. Frazer. He whose name introduces this record was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1850, and following the removal of the family to Hancock county he pursued his education in the district schools of Walker township. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, which was celebrated February 26, 1873, when he was twenty-two years of age, the lady of his choice being Miss Rebecca Shipe, who was born in Rocky Run township in 1854, a daughter of William and Mary (Shipe) Shipe, who were farming people and came to Hancock county in the early '50s, their home being in Rocky Run township. In the Shipe family are four daughters: Rebecca, now Mrs. Frazer; Emma, the wife of William Sauble, of Adams county; Gertrude, at home; and Catherine E., the wife of Harry Frazer, of Quincy, Illinois.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Frazer's father gave him two hundred and twenty acres of good land, situated on section 19, Walker township, and he has made splendid improvements upon the place, erecting an elegant residence in 1876 and building a commodious and substantial barn in 1880. This structure is forty by sixty feet and other buildings are in keeping with it, ample shelter being thus afforded to grain and stock. Mr. Frazer has engaged in the raising of stock quite extensively and at the same time has tilled his fields so that they have brought forth rich harvests. He has also added to his landed possessions as the years







Charles J. Scofield.

have passed by and his labors have increased his financial resources. He now has two hundred and sixty acres in the home place, one hundred and twelve acres elsewhere in Walker township, a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in the same township where his daughter resides, one hundred acres in Rocky Run township and ninety acres in Adams county, Illinois. His holdings are therefore extensive and indicate a life of thrift and enterprise, of good business ability and keen foresight.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frazer has been blessed with six children, all born in Walker township: Mary C., who died at the age of sixteen months; James L., who is a graduate of the Gem City Business College at Quincy and assists in the operation of the home farm; Edith, the wife of William Schildman, who resides upon her father's farm in Walker township, and by whom she has had one daughter; Elberta May; Lafayette, who is living on one of his father's farms in Walker township, and who married Ina Tripp, by whom he has two children; Marvin, who at the age of twenty-two years is at home; Elberta G., also at home. Marvin and Elberta are attending the Gem City Business College at Quincy.

Mr. Frazer is a stalwart democrat in his political views and is now serving as supervisor of this township for the fourth or fifth term—a fact which is indicative of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and his promptness and fidelity in the discharge of his duties. He has also served as school director and as treasurer of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fel-

lows and has been treasurer of his local lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church, contributing generously to its support and are actively interested in its work. Wherever known they are held in high esteem and are recognized as leading people of the community. Both are representatives of well known and honored families of the county and they have reared a family of whom they have every reason to be proud. They are now comfortably situated in life, and with the exception of the farm received from his father Mr. Frazer has acquired all that he possesses. He now has a most attractive home, supplied with all the comforts which go to make life worth living and both he and his wife gladly extend the hospitality of their home to their many friends. In disposition he is kindly and charitable and in all life's relations he has been straightforward and honorable. He has ever been a great reader and deep thinker and is recognized as a man of sound judgment whose opinion is often sought by friends and neighbors in matters of individual or public interest.

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#### JUDGE CHARLES J. SCOFIELD.

Judge Charles J. Scofield, of Carthage, whose ability as lawyer, jurist, orator and author has made him widely known beyond the borders of his native county and state and whose life has been one of signal usefulness and activity not only for

the benefit of his individual interests but for the benefit of his fellowmen as well, was born in the city which is yet his home, on Christmas day of 1853; his parents being Charles R. and Elizabeth (Crawford) Scofield. The family is of English lineage and was established in Stamford, Connecticut, between the years of 1635 and 1640. His father was born at Dewittville, Chautauqua county, New York, in 1821, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity, coming when a young man to Hancock county, Illinois, where, in 1851, he joined his brother, Bryant T. Scofield, who was one of the prominent early attorneys of Carthage. He read law with his brother and afterward entered into partnership with him. On the dissolution of this business connection Charles R. Scofield formed a partnership with David Mack under the style of Mack & Scofield and this became one of the strongest and most prominent law firms in the county, the connection being maintained until the death of Mr. Scofield in January, 1857. In February, 1853, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Crawford, a native of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and a daughter of Harrison Crawford, who was one of the early residents of the county and who at the time of Mr. Scofield's death was engaged in agricultural pursuits near Carthage. Mrs. Scofield had two sons, Charles J. and Timothy J., and with them she returned to her father's home about a mile from the city. Subsequently they again took up their abode in Carthage, where her death occurred on the 27th of May, 1877. She was a member of the Christian church and she devoted her life

untiringly to the welfare of her sons, the younger of whom, Timothy J. Scofield, is now at the head of the trial department of the Union Traction Company, of Chicago, and was formerly assistant attorney general under General Moloney.

The elder son, Charles J. Scofield, was a student in the public schools of Carthage until 1868, when he matriculated in the Christian University at Canton, Missouri, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1871 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For three years thereafter he was a teacher in the high school of his native city and during that period devoted his leisure hours outside of the schoolroom to the study of law under the direction of his uncle, Bryant T. Scofield, and William C. Hooker and George Edmunds, who occupied the same offices. On examination he was admitted to the bar in June, 1875, and in the following October was appointed master in chancery of the circuit court of Hancock county, which position he filled continuously until going upon the bench. In the meantime he also entered upon the active practice of law, which he continued alone for four years, occupying offices, however, with William E. Mason, a prominent attorney. His success came soon because his equipment was unusually good. His native and acquired abilities were soon manifest in the able manner in which he handled important litigation. His mind is analytical, logical and deductive and moreover he is a worker, recognizing that close application and unfaltering industry are concomitants for success at the bar as truly as in the fields of manual labor. In February, 1879, he formed a partner-

ship with Henry W. Draper, one of the most prominent lawyers of Carthage and an able politician. Under the firm style of Draper & Scofield they practiced until the death of the senior member, July 8, 1881, when his brother, Timothy J., having been admitted to the bar, Judge Scofield formed a partnership with him under the firm of Scofield & Scofield. In the fall of 1884 A. W. O'Hara was admitted to the firm as Scofield, O'Hara & Scofield, which relation was continued until June, 1885, when Charles J. Scofield was elected one of the three judges of what was then the sixth judicial circuit of Illinois, comprising the seven counties of Hancock, Adams, Pike, McDonough, Fulton, Schuyler and Brown. On the expiration of his six years term he was re-elected and sat upon the bench for twelve consecutive years. He was nominated for a third term in 1897 but in the meantime the legislature had changed the boundaries of the district whereby Hancock was assigned to a district so strongly republican that there was no hope of election for a supporter of democracy and Judge Scofield, who has always been a staunch democrat, therefore declined to become a candidate. In 1893 he was appointed by the supreme court of the state one of the judges of the appellate court for the fourth district and sat upon that bench for four years, or until the expiration of his second term as circuit judge. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasps the points in an argument, all combine to make him one of the capable jurists of the state and the public and the profession acknowledge him the peer of any member

of the appellate court. Since retiring from the bench Judge Scofield has engaged in practice in Carthage, at various points in the state and in other states as well. His practice has been of a most important character, calling him into Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, to Chicago and other cities. Various offers have been made to him in the line of his profession in Chicago, but he has preferred to maintain his residence at his old home in Carthage and from this point goes forth to perform his professional service, being recognized as one of the strong and able members of the Illinois bar.

Judge Scofield was married September 12, 1876, to Miss Rose Spittler, the adopted daughter of Dr. Adam Spittler, of this city, and a graduate of Carthage College. Their home is situated on the same lots where his parents began their domestic life and its hospitality is well known to the citizens of Carthage. They are members of the Christian church, in the work of which they have taken a most active and helpful part. In addition to his law practice Judge Scofield has acted as a minister of the Christian church for many years, and although accepting no regular pastorate has filled many pulpits and is regarded as one of the strong representatives of the Christian ministry. He holds the degree of LL. D from Eureka College, one of the schools conducted under the auspices of his denomination. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and other fraternal organizations and gives unfaltering allegiance to the democracy with firm faith in the party principles. He has won much more than

local fame as a writer and has published two volumes, "A Subtle Adversary," a leading temperance work, and "Altar Stairs," a work bearing on the questions of Christian faith, both of which have had good sales. His ability as an orator has caused his services to be much in demand for public addresses and for the delivery of addresses before various conventions in Boston, Chicago, Denver and elsewhere. He is a fluent, earnest and forcible speaker, and while he employs the adornment of rhetoric with good effect, they are but the avenue of expression for facts which he deems of vital interest to the race at large or to the body which he is addressing. He has frequently been chosen as a delegate to the church federations. In an analyzation of his character it will be seen that he has brought all of his native talent, acquired ability and energies to bear upon the one purpose of the fulfilling of his duty to his fellowmen and to his country. With a keen sense of individual responsibility, believing that man is his brother's keeper, he has labored to uphold the political and legal status and to promote intellectual and moral advancement, his work being directed not only by a sense of duty but the higher motive of principle.

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#### JAMES L. BRADFIELD.

James L. Bradfield, a retired farmer and large landowner, making his home in La Harpe, was born in Coshocton

county, Ohio, June 29, 1854. His paternal grandfather, James Bradfield, was a resident of Virginia and married a Miss Nichols. Their son, James N. Bradfield, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and having arrived at years of maturity was married in Ohio, April 12, 1853, to Miss Ada Wolfe, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and was a daughter of James and Sarah (Meredith) Wolfe, natives of the Buckeye state. After their marriage James N. Bradfield followed farming in Ohio for a year and in the fall of 1854 removed to Muscatine, Iowa. In Hardin county, that state, he purchased a farm whereon he resided until the fall of 1870, when he sold that property and came to Hancock county, Illinois. Here he invested in a tract of land in Durham township, whereon he resided for about twenty-one years, when in 1891 he sold out and went to Nebraska, making his home in the latter state until 1899. In that year he made a visit to the old home place in Durham township and died there on the 4th of December of that year. He had for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away June 25, 1886. In their family were four children: James L., of this review; William F., of La Harpe; Henry S., of this county; and Laura M., the wife of Clark H. Rice, of Hancock county.

James L. Bradfield spent his boyhood days on the home farm under the parental roof and at the age of seventeen years began farming on his own account upon rented land, which he operated for four years. On the expiration of that period he established a general store at Disco,

where he also engaged in the grain and stock business in partnership with his father. After a year he sold out and through the succeeding three years operated rented farms. He next bought eighty acres of improved land in Durham township, whereon he resided for six years and at the end of that period invested in one hundred and fifty-six acres in La Harpe township. Taking up his abode thereon he made the place his home until March, 1905, when he removed to La Harpe, building a fine residence, containing ten rooms, besides halls and closets. It is heated with furnace, supplied with bath and all modern improvements and is one of the fine modern residences in the city. In addition to this property Mr. Bradfield has extensive landed interests and is now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Durham and La Harpe townships. He also owns an interest with others in a half section of coal land in Colorado and has seven hundred acres of unimproved land in northwestern Nebraska. He likewise owns stock in the Waldorf Metal Mining Company, of Colorado, is a director in the La Harpe State Bank, of which he was one of the organizers, and is a stockholder of the Coulson, Brundage Hardware Company, of which he is vice president and a director. His business investments are now extensive and return to him a splendid income, so that he can well enjoy a retired life, his property returning him sufficient capital to bring him all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 15th of February, 1872, Mr. Bradfield was married to Ellen Retzer,

who was born in Durham township and was educated in the district schools, a daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Morris) Retzer, natives of Lancaster and Green counties, Pennsylvania, respectively. The mother came with her parents to this county in 1843, while the father arrived in 1851, so that they were closely connected with the county from pioneer times. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield were born four children: Estella R., born December 31, 1872, is the wife of Wesley Davis, who resides upon the first farm which Mr. Bradfield purchased in the country. James Harvey, born December 17, 1875, is a practicing physician of Sheridan, Wyoming; Leslie S., born August 30, 1869, is living in Pueblo, Colorado. Mary E., born September 22, 1883, is the wife of Clair J. Thomas, who resides upon one of her father's farms in La Harpe township.

Mr. Bradfield is a member of the Methodist Protestant church and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He has served for three years as commissioner of highways of La Harpe township, also as school director and justice of the peace of La Harpe township, being elected to the last named position in the spring of 1905. His interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen whose labors are actuated by an earnest desire to benefit the locality and promote the welfare of town and county. In an active life he has displayed excellent ability and keen discernment, making judicious investments and gaining gratifying success. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his deal-

ings is known for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

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#### ADAM KROPP.

When a man passes on the highway of life others who perhaps started out ahead of him surrounded by more advantageous circumstances, it is always interesting to examine into his career and note the causes of his advancement and success. Mr. Kropp is one whose life record has been characterized by many good business traits that have resulted in his winning a place among the substantial residents of Hancock county, where he now owns valuable farming property, situated in Walker township. He was born in Germany in 1831, a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Garman) Kropp, who were likewise natives of that country, in which they spent their entire lives. Of their family of nine children Adam Kropp is the only one now living. The days of his boyhood and youth were passed in his native country and when twenty-two years of age he came to America, the voyage consuming twenty-eight days. A colony of three hundred people made the trip at the same time. Locating in Pennsylvania, Mr. Kropp remained for two years, after which he removed to Missouri and then came to Hancock county, Illinois, where he worked as a farm hand by the month.

In 1862 Mr. Kropp was married to Mrs. Annie Catherine Staff (nee Cress), who was born in Germany, November 16, 1835. Her parents coming to America, settled on a farm in Hancock county, but both are now deceased. Their family numbered six children, of whom four are now living: John, a resident farmer of Walker township; Mrs. Kropp, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Lewis Keiner, of Walker township; and another John, who died in Nebraska; Catherine, the wife of Leonard Egley, living in Warsaw, Illinois; and Caroline, the wife of Fred Beeler, of Walker township. Mrs. Kropp's first husband was Nicholas Cress, a native of Germany, who died in Warsaw, Illinois, in the latter part of the '50s. There were three children by that marriage, of whom one is now living, Caroline, the wife of Lewis Brackensick, who lives in Adams county, Illinois, and has four children, Annie, Lewis, Irma and Albert, who are with their parents on a farm. Mrs. Kropp had two brothers, both named John, who were soldiers in the Civil war and served until its close. One of them was called big John and the other little John.

After his marriage Mr. Kropp purchased ninety-five acres of good land on section 29, Walker township, and the young couple began their domestic life in a log cabin there. He afterward replaced the primitive home by a frame residence, which later was destroyed by fire, and he then built his present dwelling. In addition to his farm he likewise owns twenty-seven town lots in Tioga. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and his business was carefully



conducted, being therefore a source of gratifying income. He was drafted for service in the Civil war but hired a substitute and remained at home, concentrating his energies upon his business interests. He came to America on borrowed money and while in Pennsylvania, as the result of industry and frugality, paid off the debt. He has since been a hard working man and his earnest toil and perseverance, together with the assistance of his estimable wife, brought him a goodly competence and he is now comfortably situated. His land is rented and he practically lives retired from active business, enjoying a well merited rest.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kropp were born four children, all natives of Walker township, namely: Henry, a farmer of Rocky Run township, who married Anna Keith and has four children, Winnard, Leoline, Carlton and Eugene; John, a farmer of Walker township, who wedded Louisa Kunz, and has five children, Ursula, Willis, Eva, Esther and Edith; Elizabeth, who is keeping house for her father; and Annie, the wife of Rev. P. Ott, of Calumet, Iowa, by whom she has one daughter, Lizzie. The children were all educated in the district schools. In 1890 the family was called upon to mourn the loss of wife and mother, for Mrs. Kropp passed away in January of that year, amid the deep regret of many friends as well as her immediate family. She was a member of the German church at Tioga, and was laid to rest in the Tioga cemetery. Mr. Kropp is also a member of the same church and his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. He has justly won the broad American title of

a self-made man. He recognized the fact that in America labor is king and he paid his allegiance to that sovereign. Working persistently year after year he has steadily advanced toward the goal of prosperity and is now accounted one of the substantial residents of Walker township.

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#### JAMES W. BOLINGER.

Among the retired farmers who now make their home in Disco but who in former years were actively identified with the agricultural development of Hancock county is numbered James W. Bolinger, whose birth occurred in Monroe county, West Virginia, July 1, 1838. When only about four years of age his parents, Philip and Mary Bolinger, drove with team and wagon from West Virginia to Meigs county, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming for about ten years, and then continued his journey by wagon to Edgar county, Illinois, where he continued his farming operations for several years and then removed to this county, where he followed the pursuits which had been his occupation through many long years. During their later years, however, they resided for a time in the eastern part of this state, but at the time of their demise were making their home with our subject. The father passed away in 1872, while the wife survived for only about two years, being called to her final rest in 1874.

James W. Bolinger is the fourth in or-

der of birth in a family of eight daughters and two sons, of whom only three survive, the sisters being Elizabeth, the wife of John Taylor, of Hamilton, Illinois, and Sarah, the wife of John Redford, a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana. Mr. Bolinger acquired a common school education, but his advantages in this direction were somewhat limited. He has, however, in later years added much to his knowledge by reading and investigation. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, assisting in the development of the home farm, when, on the 14th of January, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Mariette Zerby, whose birth occurred on the farm which is still her home. Her parents were Daniel and Mary Zerby.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bolinger took up their abode on the farm which belonged to his father-in-law, and which constituted one hundred and twelve acres situated on section 6, La Harpe township. The land was unimproved and the only building upon the place was a small house, but our subject at once set to work to clear the land and cultivate the fields, and in due course of time he gathered rich crops. The property is now well improved, the fields being divided by woven wire fences, and there are likewise many substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. In 1891 the original home of the family was replaced by a modern frame residence and altogether the place is one of the attractive country homes in this section of the state. He also set out an orchard, containing apple, peach and plum trees, and grapes are also found upon the place.

Mr. Bolinger continued to improve and cultivate his farm until 1903, when, feeling that his labors in former years now justified his retirement from the more arduous duties of life, he purchased two lots in the village of Disco, on which he erected a good frame residence, containing eight rooms and supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories and here he and his wife are now living in honorable retirement, the farm being conducted by his son-in-law, Allen St. Clair.

In the family of this worthy couple are three children: James W., a telegraph operator, being stationed at Wilburton, Indian Territory; Minnie, the wife of Cyrus Rice, a resident of Durham township; and Emma, the wife of Allen St. Clair, residing on the homestead farm. In his political views Mr. Bolinger is a stalwart democrat but has never been active in the work of the party. He holds membership in the Methodist Protestant church at Disco, in the work of which he is a helpful and interested factor. Starting out in life a poor man, he has worked diligently and persistently to acquire a competence that now enables him to rest from further labor and he and his wife are companionable people, highly esteemed in the community where they have lived and labored throughout the greater part of their lives.

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#### JOHN B. HASTINGS.

John B. Hastings, who is the owner of valuable farming and stock raising inter-

ests in Hancock county and moreover has extensive landed possessions in the west, owning and conducting a very large stock ranch in Kearney county, Nebraska, is a native son of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Adams county on the 30th of December, 1842. His parents were Samuel R. and Martha A. (Anderson) Hastings, natives of Kentucky and Maryland respectively. The father was a son of Benjamin and Rachel (Hitch) Hastings, also natives of Maryland, and the mother was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Guerrant) Anderson, who were natives of Virginia, while the great-grandfather, James Anderson, was also born in the Old Dominion. In the year 1837 Benjamin Hastings became a resident of Quincy, Illinois, and John Anderson had previously located in Adams county in 1835, entering land within two miles of the present site of the city of Quincy. He became the owner of an extensive and valuable tract of six hundred and forty acres, while Mr. Hastings owned the northeast quarter of section 22, Melrose township. He died in the year 1839, while John Anderson survived until 1885. The son of the former and the daughter of the latter were married in Adams county and Samuel R. Hastings became the owner of two hundred acres of land on section 22, Melrose township, which was unimproved. He transformed it into a richly cultivated tract and put up a number of buildings thereon. It was timber land when it came into his possession, but he cleared away the trees and brush and while thus engaged he cultivated land, which he rented. He continued to rent a farm for about five years, at the

end of which time he removed to his home place. In 1868 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of the southeast quarter of section 15, Montebello township, Hancock county. This was improved prairie land and he also invested in one hundred and sixty acres in Marion county, Missouri, near Palmyra, and one hundred and sixty acres near Kingston, Caldwell county, Missouri. He resided upon the home place until he had a stroke of paralysis in the spring of 1903. Losing the use of his vocal organs thereby, he has since lived with his son, John B. Hastings, and on the 3d of October, 1906, he will have reached the age of eighty-six years. Earnest, persistent labor constitutes the strong element in the success which he has enjoyed as the years have gone by and as the result of diligence and perseverance he became the owner of valuable farming property.

John B. Hastings is the eldest of a family of five sons and two daughters, of whom three sons and one daughter are yet living. He made his home with his father on the old farm until twenty-two years of age and acquired his education in the public schools. On the 16th of January, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha E. Watson, who was born near Quincy on the 16th of December, 1845, her parents being Benjamin and Maria (Tyrer) Watson, natives of Kentucky, in which state also lived her grandfather, James Tyrer. Mrs. Hastings was educated in the public schools of Quincy. For two and a half years after their marriage they resided upon the old Hastings farm and at the end of that time Mr. Hastings fitted up a freight train for the govern-

ment to be used from the Missouri river west to designated points. He was in Denver, Colorado, on the 16th of June, 1866, at which time a public celebration was held because of the turning on of the first irrigation water. For two years Mr. Hastings engaged in freighting in the west, after which he spent the succeeding year upon the old home place and in the fall of 1868 he came to the farm which his father had purchased in Montebello township and which was given to John B. Hastings and his brother, Green B. Hastings, who have always been equal partners in their business dealings. They secured the home place of one hundred and sixty acres and have added to it until they now own four hundred acres on sections 14 and 15, Montebello township. They own three hundred and sixty acres of improved land in Faulkner township, Clark county, Missouri, which is used as a stock farm, and in 1887 they began the importation of horses from England, France and Belgium, devoting their attention to the raising of three breeds. They at first bought twelve head and since that time have made two other shipments, one of thirty-two head and the other of thirty-eight head. They continued in business until 1893, when they retired from the field as importers. They now raise draft horses and have one stallion for service of the Percheron breed upon the home place, and one Belgian stallion on the Missouri farm. They raise from ten to twelve head of draft horses each year and they raise short-horn cattle, Poland-China hogs and Shropshire sheep. Their place in Hancock county is called the Montebello Stock Farm. In

addition to this property they also own twelve hundred acres of land in Kearney county, Nebraska, which is used as a stock farm for the raising of cattle, horses and hogs. They also have five hundred acres of plowed land devoted to the raising of wheat, corn, oats and alfalfa.

Unto Mr. Hastings and his first wife were born four children: Emily J., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Samuel R., at the age of twenty-four; Cora E., at the age of twenty-three; and Andrew L., at the age of twenty-five; while the wife and mother passed away in November, 1877. On the 8th of June, 1899, Mr. Hastings was again married, his second union being with Iva Simmonds, who was born in Adair county, Missouri, July 15, 1875, and is a daughter of John S. and Mary (McConnell) Simmonds, natives of Illinois and Missouri respectively. Her grandparents were Squire and Martha A. (Cox) Simmonds, natives of Indiana, while the maternal grandparents were Asa and Martha V. (Peusa) McConnell, the former a native of Missouri and the latter of France. Their children are: Lessie E., born March 15, 1900; Mary E., November 17, 1901; Green, June 4, 1903; and John, September 4, 1905, the two sons being named for the father and the uncle, who have long been partners in business.

Mr. Hastings of this review votes with the democracy and has held the office of road commissioner in his township, but is not active as a politician, preferring to leave office seeking to others, while he concentrates his energies upon his business affairs. Both brothers are recognized as men of excellent business enter-

prise and capacity, straightforward in their dealings and quickly recognizing good business opportunities and advantages.

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### CLINTON CUTLER.

Clinton Cutler, living retired in Carthage after many years' connection with agricultural interests, has now passed the eighty-first milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Erie county, New York, September 9, 1825. There he lived until twelve years of age, his youth being largely passed in attendance at the public schools. His parents were Jonas P. and Martha (Jones) Cutler, both natives of Vermont, where they lived until after their marriage. They then removed to Erie county, New York, and the father served as a justice of the peace in the town of Holland. He also engaged in farming there for a number of years, or until his removal to the middle west about 1837, in which year he located in Fulton county, Illinois, where he devoted his time and energies to farming until 1851. He then came to Hancock county, settling in Pilot Grove township, where he purchased a tract of land, on which he carried on general farming until his death when he was sixty-eight years of age. He was a member of the Missionary Baptist church and a man whose entire life was characterized by the most honorable principles and manly conduct. His political allegiance was given to the democracy. For many years Mrs. Cut-

ler survived her husband and passed away in Winterset, Iowa, at the advanced age of ninety-one. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom still survive.

Clinton Cutler, whose name introduces this review, was a youth of twelve summers when he accompanied his parents on their removal from the Empire state to Illinois. He attended the public schools of Fulton county and through the periods of vacation assisted his father in the farm work, remaining with his parents until after their removal to Hancock county in 1851. Subsequently he lived in Pilot Grove township, where he purchased one hundred and six acres of land, making his home thereon for a number of years or until after the death of his first wife. He later purchased land in several different townships of this county and successfully carried on farming until 1903, when he took up his abode in the city of Carthage, where he has since lived retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. His property he has divided among his first children and he now occupies a pleasant home in Carthage owned by Mrs. Cutler.

Mr. Cutler has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Mary Ann Christ, who was born in Pennsylvania and became the mother of six children. Charles H., the eldest, now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, married Sarah Walker, who died leaving a large family; Benjamin, a farmer of Winfield, Kansas, died at the age of forty years; Caleb is residing in Centerville, Iowa; Joel S. makes his home in Chicago; John A. died in infancy; and

Laura is the wife of John Lawton, a blacksmith of Carthage, by whom she has five children. For his second wife Mr. Cutler chose Mrs. Nancy A. Booth, the widow of John N. Booth, a farmer who resided in Carthage township. He was born in Kentucky and in his boyhood days came with his parents to Hancock county. At the time of his death he was the owner of two hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable farming land, which constituted the visible evidence of a life of thrift and enterprise, and through the kindness and liberality of his father-in-law, John Booth, she received the deed of this farm. In politics he was a democrat. Unto him and his wife were born three children, Amanda M., Eddie and John E., all of whom were born in Carthage township but are all now deceased. Mr. Booth was forty-two years of age at the time of his demise. Mrs. Cutler was educated in the common schools of Carthage township. She was a daughter of Edward and Mahala White (Collins) Russell. Her father was born in Maryland and there resided until after his marriage. A farmer by occupation, he followed that pursuit in the south and in 1838 came to Illinois, settling in Carthage township, Hancock county, where he became the owner of extensive property interests and carried on general agricultural pursuits there throughout his remaining days. He died at the age of sixty-eight years in the faith of the United Brethren church, of which he was a devoted member. His political views accorded with the principles of the Republican party. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years and,

having passed away on the 25th of December, 1899, was laid to rest by his side in Franklin cemetery of Carthage township. Unto the second marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have been born six children, of whom five are yet living. Clara Josephine, the eldest, is the wife of Samuel Law, of Carthage, and they have one child. DeWitt Clinton, residing in Carthage township, married Olive Rhorbough and they have two children, Clara Ethel and Edith, the latter a music teacher residing at home. Edward P., living in Carthage township, where he owns and operates one hundred and sixty acres of land, was married to Nellie Haney and they have two children, Harrison H. and George C. Frank Clarence, residing in Carthage township, where he owns a farm of eighty acres, married Matilda Huey, a daughter of Robert Huey, and they have two children, Paul and Leotta. Ralph Cyrus, residing on the home place, which he now owns, married Daisy Reno, a daughter of Newton and Leonora Reno, of Carthage township, and they have two children, Kenneth and Mildred. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler are most highly esteemed people, widely and favorably known in Carthage, and during the long years of his residence in Illinois, covering almost six decades, Mr. Cutler has ever commanded the respect and good will of those with whom he has been associated through social, political or business relations. He well merits the ease and retirement he now enjoys. Mrs. Cutler from her father and husband received a good estate and has arranged for the success of her sons by aiding each to get a start in the business world.

## FREDERICK MAIRE.

Frederick Maire, who for a number of years was a traveling salesman for a paint house but is now living retired in Hamilton, was born in Alsace, France, December 31, 1844. The ancestry of the family can be traced back through authentic records to a date prior to 1700. The great-grandfather was Theodore Maire and the grandfather Francis Maire. The latter was a captain in the French army and served under Napoleon. His son, Alexander Maire, also a native of France, was married to Miss Mary Ann Lorentz, a daughter of Ignatius Lorentz, who was sergeant major in the command of the Prince of Conde in the army which opposed Napoleon. Alexander Maire, a man of broad and liberal education and strong mentality, served as professor of ancient languages in the university of France. In 1856 he came to America with his wife and their only child Frederick, arriving in New York, whence he went to Rochester, spending one term as a teacher in a seminary for young ladies. He afterward removed to Basco, Hancock county, Illinois, where he purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land as an investment. He rented the farm, however, and made his home in the town, where he conducted a general store for several years. In 1868, however, he sold all of his interests in Hancock county and removed to York county, Virginia, where he was engaged in the oyster business and in the conduct of a general store for three years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of his interests in the south and removed to New York city, where he

purchased a book store on Ann street, conducting his business in the metropolis and making his home across the river in Newark, New Jersey. He continued a resident of New York until 1880, when he returned to France, where he died in 1893, while his wife passed away in 1891.

Frederick Maire pursued his preliminary education under private tutors and spent three years as a college student. He was associated with his father until 1872, when at the age of twenty-eight years he secured a position as decorative painter, which trade he had learned in France. He was thus engaged until 1880 in New York city and from 1886 until 1888 was editor of a magazine called the House Painter and Decorator, which was published in Philadelphia. He has also written several books on painting and he is certainly an expert in the art of decorative painting. In 1880 he went to Basco, where he remained until 1883, when he removed to Hamilton and purchased two acres of land just north of the cemetery. In 1888 he bought eleven acres on the bank of the Mississippi river just north of the city, there residing for three years, during which time he was employed by Harrison Brothers & Company, of Chicago, as a traveling salesman for paint and also as an expert on paint. He continued with that house for eleven years, being one of its most efficient and trusted representatives, but in 1899 he severed his connection with Harrison Brothers & Company and has since been living retired with his family in Hamilton. He is one of the finest artists in the county and some of his work has won high praise.

On the 24th of May, 1864, Mr. Maire

was married to Miss Hannah Fisher, who was born in Rockville, Indiana, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cox) Fisher, natives of Ohio. They came to Hancock county in 1856 and Mr. Fisher gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Maire were married in Alexandria, Missouri, and unto them have been born the following named: Marie, the wife of Cyprien Bedouin, a captain of the French army; Renee, the wife of J. V. Crum, a merchant of Hamilton; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Eugene Droussent, of Hamilton; Theresa, the wife of Henry Cuerden, a merchant of Hamilton; Annette, at home; Paul M., who owns a farm in Montebello township; and a son and daughter, Samuel A. and Louise, now deceased.

Mr. Maire is a Catholic in religious faith, while his political allegiance is given to the Republican party. While living in Virginia he served as township clerk. He gave his attention to his business interests for a number of years and with a desirable capital retired to private life to enjoy a well-earned rest. He devotes considerable time and attention to artistic work and his excellent conception of artistic subjects, his fine shading and color have made him an artist of more than local fame.

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#### HARRY R. FOLCKEMER, M. D.

Dr. Harry R. Folckemer, who though a young man has attained success and

prominence in his profession that many an older practitioner might well envy, is now located in Dallas City, where already a liberal patronage has been accorded him. He was born in Camp Point, Illinois, in 1880, his parents being Henry and Ellen (Craver) Folckemer. Some of his ancestors were in the war of 1812 and his great-great-grandfather on the mother's side served as a major in the second war with England. The father, Henry Folckemer, was born in Shrewsbury, York county, Pennsylvania, in 1836, while his wife's birth occurred in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1845. He learned the tinner's trade in his native town and came to Illinois in 1866, settling at Camp Point, where he established a hardware store, which he is still conducting. During the period of the Civil war he served in the Fifty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was in the army of the Potomac under General McClellan, participating in the battle of Antietam. He served for one year, after which he returned home and has since 1866 been connected with the hardware trade of Camp Point. In politics he is an unfaltering advocate of the democracy and has held a number of local offices, serving for several terms as alderman and in other positions of public trust. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows and with the Knights of Pythias and he attends the services of the Methodist church, of which his wife is a member. In their family are three living children; Paul M., who is in business with his father; Harry R., of this review; and Richard, who is in Indian Territory.

Dr. Harry R. Folckemer acquired his



early education at Camp Point and passed through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school. Later he attended the University of Illinois at Champaign for two years and acquired his professional education in Chicago as a student in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in the class of 1905. In the same year he came to Dallas City, where already he has obtained a large city and country practice. He is a regular physician, thoroughly proficient in his profession and is constantly adding to his knowledge by reading and observation as well as by practical experience. He has a well equipped office on Third street in connection with his home and has done excellent work as a representative of the profession. Like his father he gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and of the Masonic lodge, and of the Hancock County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. A young man of strong intellectual force and laudable ambition, he is wide-awake and enterprising and it needs no gift of prophecy to foretell that a successful future awaits him.

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#### JOSEPH F. DEITRICH.

Joseph F. Deitrich, deceased, was an industrious, enterprising and representative citizen of Hancock county. He became a resident of Illinois in 1865 and

of this county in 1867. He was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, September 14, 1826, and passed away on the 18th of December, 1901, at the age of seventy-five years. His parents, Joseph and Rosana (Fullmer) Deitrich, lived and died in Pennsylvania, where the father was a successful farmer. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, but only two are now living: Daniel, who resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Sarah, the wife of John Kaiser, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

Joseph F. Deitrich was educated in the subscription schools of his native state and was reared to farm life, remaining at home with his father until twenty-six years of age. He was then married on the 1st of January, 1852, to Miss Sarah A. Benner and they have become the parents of five children, of whom three are now living: Mary, the wife of Ludwig H. Foresman, of Dallas City; Ellen, the wife of George M. Cummings, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work; and Hettie, the wife of Walter Cummings, of Los Angeles, California. The wife and mother died February 21, 1862, and on the 15th of May, 1864. Mr. Deitrich was married to Miss Sarah E. Wolf, who was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Magdalena (Beck) Wolf, who were natives of Pennsylvania. Her great-grandparents in the maternal line came from Germany. Her father was a shoemaker by trade and thus provided for the support of his family. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and passed away in the Keystone state, where they were laid to

rest. In their family were five children, but only two are now living: Joseph, who resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Deitrich. By her marriage Mrs. Deitrich became the mother of thirteen children, of whom six are living. Etta A., the wife of James Paulus, of Colusa, has eight children; Edith, the wife of Homer Matthews, of Burnside, by whom she has one child, Phineas Franklin; Grace, Joseph F., Clarence V., Vesta, Edna, Irene and Ellen R., at home. Elmira, the second member of the family, is the wife of Warren H. Jacobs, of Missouri, and they have two sons: Verner Lloyd and Otis Cleon. William, living in Dallas township, is married and has one child. Susanna, Grover C. and John W. are at home with their mother.

It was in the year 1865 that Mr. Deitrich came to Illinois, settling first in McDonough county, where he lived for two years. He then came to Dallas township, where he purchased sixty-nine acres of land on section 13. It is upon this farm that his widow yet resides. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits. He built a new house after his cottage was destroyed by fire, also built a new barn and made other needed improvements. He also bought one hundred acres of land across the road from his home on section 11, Dallas township. He lived a life of industry and enterprise and was a model farmer, keeping everything about his place in neat and thrifty condition. In matters of citizenship, too, he was also progressive and loyal. He gave his political support to the democracy and served as supervisor for several years. No public trust reposed in him was ever betrayed

in the slightest degree. He belonged to the Lutheran church, in which he served as deacon and of which his wife is still a member. Mr. Deitrich was generous almost to a fault, being particularly kind and helpful to the poor and needy. In his family he was a devoted husband and father and wherever he was known he was respected because of those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime command respect and admiration. Mrs. Dietrich still survives her husband and is managing the home property. Like him, she has many friends in the county and is well worthy of representation in this volume.

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#### ARTHUR RAY MANIFOLD.

Arthur Ray Manifold is a native son of Hancock county, his birth having occurred in La Harpe township, August 1, 1883, and is one of the younger representatives of agricultural interests in this portion of the state. His father, John Manifold, was born in Roane county, Tennessee, a son of George and Mary Manifold, who, on leaving their native state came to Illinois, locating on a farm on section 19, La Harpe township, this county. Here the son John was reared to farm life and after reaching man's estate was married in 1854 to Miss Eliza Ann Miller, and he continued to reside on the home place, assisting his mother in the management of her farming interests, his father having died in 1836. After the death of his

mother he inherited the homestead property, to which he added from time to time until he possessed an extensive tract, comprising four hundred and eighty-nine acres all in one body except twenty-five acres situated on section 19, La Harpe township. Here he engaged extensively in general farming and stockraising until his death, which occurred February 16, 1901. By this marriage there is one son, William Edison, who is a resident of this township. The father was married a second time to Elizabeth Loretta Chapin, the widow of Henry Foley, and a daughter of Robert P. and Elizabeth Chapin. She was a native of Ohio, and by her marriage became the mother of Arthur Ray Manifold, the subject of this sketch. Her death occurred November 10, 1900.

Arthur Ray Manifold acquired his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he had completed a high school course, subsequent to which time he pursued a course of study in Gettings Seminary, at La Harpe. He assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and always remained with his parents, and at their death came into possession of a valuable farm property, which he is now successfully operating.

On the 19th of October, 1904, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Alice May Smith, who was born at Raritan, Illinois, but was reared in Fort Madison, Iowa, where she acquired her education, there completing a high school course. She is a daughter of Albert R. and Ella (Harris) Smith, the former a native of Fort Madison, Iowa, where he still resides, being engaged in the conduct of a

dairy, and also as a dealer in real estate. A daughter, Eleanor Lois, was born to this union November 24, 1906.

In his political views Mr. Manifold is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church at La Harpe. He is a Mason, belonging to lodge No. 195, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at La Harpe. Having been born and reared in Hancock county Mr. Manifold has a wide acquaintance both in business and social circles and both he and his wife are popular young people, the hospitality of their home being freely extended to their many friends.

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#### JOHN M. HABBEN.

John M. Habben, who is now one of the most prominent German-American farmers of Hancock county, residing in Prairie township, where he owns a very rich farm of three hundred twenty acres, where his time and energies are devoted to general agricultural pursuits, is a native of Eurich, Hanover, Germany. He was born December 13, 1859, and when but seven years of age was brought to the United States by his parents, Mimka and Anna (Jaspers) Habben, likewise natives of Germany, who, on crossing the Atlantic, made their way at once to Illinois, settling in Adams county. There the father rented land for three years, after which he made purchase of one hundred and sixty acres in Prairie township, Hancock county—the farm upon which his son

John now resides. He transformed this from a tract of wild land into a well improved farm and made it his home until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-two years of age, his remains being interred in Concord cemetery. He prospered in his undertakings and was a self-made man, whose prosperity was attributable entirely to his own efforts. He never cared for public office or sought to figure prominently in any public light, content to devote his attention to his business affairs whereby he provided a comfortable living for his family. His widow, who held membership in the Lutheran church at Carthage, died at the age of seventy-three years.

John M. Habben largely acquired his education in the public schools of Carthage, attending both the district and city schools, and in his youth assisted in the work of the home farm. He has always remained upon this place since his parents took up their abode here and he now owns the property which he bought in 1901 after the death of his mother, together with one hundred and sixty acres adjoining the old homestead. Soon after buying the farm he built one of the most beautiful and commodious residences in the vicinity, the main part having a frontage of thirty-eight feet by sixteen feet deep, two stories, and a large ell in the rear. All is nicely finished and furnished, and also has modern conveniences as windmill, telephone and those accessories usually found on the place of the more successful men. His fields are all under cultivation and in addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he devotes his attention to the

raising of high grade stock. He is well known as an enterprising, successful farmer, who is never idle a day and who through his diligence has gained a place among the substantial agriculturists of the community. He has almost entirely unaided brought himself to a position of wealth and independence.

Mr. Habben was married April 16, 1881, to Miss Anna Ficht, who was born in Eurich, Hanover, Germany, March 8, 1860, and came to the United States about 1868, living in Prairie township until her marriage. Her parents were Henry and Marie (Bruntz) Ficht. They were born in Germany, and there they followed the occupation of farming and all but one of their six children were born. When Anna (now Mrs. Ficht), was about eight years old they embarked for America on one of the oldtime sail vessels, being eight weeks making the voyage, and after arriving in New York, it took eight days to come to Illinois. He rented land first near Golden, Adams county, and there he lived but a short time when he moved to Prairie township, his wife dying within a few years. He was a farmer of Prairie township during his active life. He is now living retired and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Habben at the age of eighty-three years. Unto our subject and his wife have been born five children and the family circle yet remains unbroken. These are: Mimka, who aids in the operation of the home farm; Mary, Louis, Henry and George, all of whom are yet under the parental roof. All were born upon the homestead farm in Prairie township. The parents are members of the German Luth-

eran church of Carthage and are well known residents of the community in which they make their home, enjoying the favorable regard of all with whom social or business relations have brought them in contact.

While a democrat in politics he is rather independent, voting each time for the best man. He does not care for office, preferring to give his time to his extensive farming interests. He has been school director for a number of terms, the cause of education finding in him a warm friend.

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### JAMES F. GIBSON.

James Finley Gibson is one of the native sons of Hancock county, whose life record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for here in the locality where he has spent his entire life he has gained signal recognition as a lawyer of ability, who, though yet a young man, has gained prominence equal to that of many a practitioner of twice his years. He was born in Pilot Grove township, June 19, 1879, and is a son of Robert C. and Harriet (Lowrey) Gibson. He is a graduate of Carthage College and prepared for his chosen profession as a student in the law department of the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in the class of 1903. He was president of his class and commencement orator, the two highest honors that could be bestowed in the law

school. Following his graduation Mr. Gibson located at once in Carthage and opened an office. He has met with very gratifying success in his chosen field of labor and has secured a liberal clientage that has connected him with much important litigation tried in the courts of his district. He is a close and discriminating student and has comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and is correct in their adaptation. In 1905 he was elected city attorney of Carthage, which position he still fills.

On the 1st of September, 1898, Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Alberta Tyner, who was born in Pilot Grove township in 1878 and is a daughter of Jared L. and Emily L. Tyner. Her father was a popular druggist of Burnside, where he died and is buried. In the family were three children: May, now the wife of George W. Rhea, of Carthage; Viola, the wife of Edward Lyon, of this city; and Mrs. Gibson. Unto our subject and his wife has been born a son, James C., whose birth occurred in Madison, Wisconsin, July 21, 1903. Her mother, Mrs. Tyner, is still living and makes her home with her daughters in Carthage.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibson hold membership in the Christian church and take an active and helpful part in its work. He served as church treasurer in 1905 and has put forth effective effort in behalf of the church and has contributed generously of his means to its support. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has served as senior deacon and he is a staunch advocate of the democracy. He owns one of the largest and finest law

libraries, in the city, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. In the preparation of his cases he is most thorough and careful, preparing for the unexpected which happens in the courts quite as frequently as out of them. He is always well armed for any point of attack and is quick to notice the weak points in an adversary's position. He has won many notable forensic triumphs and is regarded as an able member of the bar, who is making rapid progress in the line of successful practice. He and his wife are recognized as people of culture and refinement to whom an enviable social position is readily accorded.

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#### GOTTLIEB BOLLIN.

Gottlieb Bollin, in his farming operations, keeps fully abreast with the most modern methods of farming, using the latest improved machinery and all the accessories which facilitate farm work. Advancement along agricultural lines has been rapid and pronounced, and Mr. Bollin is a typical representative of this spirit of progress. He resides on section 23, Sonora township, where he has a tract of two hundred acres, and he also owns one hundred and twenty acres on section 15, besides twelve acres of timber land in Sonora township on the banks of the Mississippi river. Mr. Bollin was born in Baden, Germany, September 15, 1841, and is a son of Joseph and Agnes (Haire) Bollin, likewise natives of the

fatherland. The father on leaving his native country made his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he located in 1856, there following farming for three years, and in 1859 he removed to Nauvoo, where he operated rented land in Sonora township. Two years later he removed to Rock Creek township, where he remained for three years and then came to Nauvoo, where he spent his remaining days. His wife had died in Cincinnati, Ohio, leaving six sons and three daughters. The father was married a second time to Mrs. Kimes, of Nauvoo, and her death occurred in this city, while the father also passed away here in the fall of 1881.

Gottlieb Bollin, the second in order of birth in his father's family, pursued his studies in Germany to the age of twelve years, and continued his education for two years after the family arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio. He remained with his parents to the age of seventeen years and then started out to face the responsible duties of life on his own account. He began work as a farm hand in Sonora township, where he was employed for one season and also worked for a time in Nauvoo township. In June, 1861, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations, and in response to the country's call for aid offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of the First Iowa Cavalry, at Keokuk. The company was mustered in at Burlington in August, and did duty in the state of Missouri. He served in the army until the close of the war, and then went with General Custer to Texas, where he was honorably discharged at Austin in the spring of 1866.

After the close of hostilities Mr. Bollin returned to his home, where he was employed as a farm hand by the month until 1871, when, through his industry and economy, he was enabled to make purchase of forty acres of land on section 15, which he had hitherto rented. Three years later he added another tract of forty acres, adjoining on the west. Later he added another forty-acre tract, belonging to the estate of his father-in-law, and known as the Theodore Lohr farm, thus making in all one hundred and twenty acres situated on section 15. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits and as the years passed by he prospered in his undertakings, so that in course of time he was able to make further purchases, at one time adding eighty acres situated on section 23 and at a later date, eighty and then forty acres, making a total of two hundred acres on section 23, and one hundred and twenty acres on section 15. On the two-hundred-acre tract he erected a house and barn, and has since made an addition to his house of brick, the residence now containing nine rooms, and two stories in height. He built a horse and cattle barn, corn cribs and all substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He also set out a fine orchard, containing apple, peach and plum trees. He has a wind-pump on his place, and has two wells, one thirty-three feet in depth, while the other is forty-three feet deep, thus furnishing water for stock and for use in the house. He has used both wire and Osage hedge fencing in dividing his farm into fields of convenient size, and thus his is one of the valuable farms of this portion of the

state. He is practical and progressive in all that he does and each year his financial resources are greatly enhanced and today he is numbered among the wealthy citizens of Sonora township.

On the 1st of August, 1870, occurred the marriage of 'Mr.' Bollin and Miss Christina Lohr, a native of Prussia, born February 9, 1848. Her mother died in Germany, and Mrs. Bollin then accompanied her father to America in 1855, being then a little maiden of seven summers, and one of three sons and two daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bollin have been born nine children, as follows: John Theodore, born March 13, 1871, and a resident of Sonora township; Annie Katherine, born April 1, 1873, and her death occurred October 26, 1874; Andrew, born December 18, 1874, and a resident of Sonora township, married Julia Beecher; Mary Josephine Benedicta, whose birth occurred September 20, 1877; Jacob Joseph, born May 27, 1880, of Sonora township, who married Miss Jennie Terry, August 22, 1906; Frances Louisa, born March 5, 1883, and likewise a resident of this township; Nellie Gertrude, born October 30, 1886, and William Adolph and Frank Leo, twins, born July 22, 1889, are still under the parental roof.

Mr. Bollin's study of the political questions and issues of the day have led him to give his support to the Republican party although he has never been an office seeker, for he finds that his business affairs make sufficient demand upon his time and attention, and he has attained through his own labors his position as one of the progressive and prosperous farmers of

Hancock county. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and in religious faith is a Catholic. Although starting out in life empty-handed, he possesses that spirit of enterprise and industry so characteristic of the German race, and by the proper use of his native talents has worked his way up to a position of prominence and affluence.

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#### GUY B. CHANDLER.

Guy B. Chandler is the owner of a fine farm in Wythe township. An attractive residence stands in the midst of fine shade trees and there are ample buildings in the way of barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. There is also an apple orchard of two and a half acres, while the well tilled fields annually produce good crops, showing that the owner is thoroughly conversant with the best methods of tilling the soil.

The owner, Guy B. Chandler, is one of Wythe township's native sons, his birth having occurred within its borders on the 15th of September, 1842. His paternal grandfather, Dr. Chandler, was a noted physician who practiced near Zanesville in Muskingum county, Ohio, but died there when comparatively a young man. His son, Rudolphus Chandler, born in Vermont, was but a young lad at the time of his father's demise. He learned the trade of a harness maker and coach finisher, and, attracted by the opportunities of the growing west, in

1836, he drove across the country with team and wagon and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting the northwest quarter of section 20, Wythe township, Hancock county, Illinois. This was all wild prairie covered with the native grasses and there was little indication in the entire neighborhood that the work of improvement and progress had been begun. Mr. Chandler brought with him to Illinois his family, constituting wife and three children. He had been married in Ohio to Miss Lydia Hutchinson, a native of that state, and unto them were born two sons and a daughter ere they left their old home. After reaching this county Mr. Chandler built a log house and log stable, and in true pioneer style began life here. He broke the prairie with the crude implements then in use, finding it an arduous task, but he persevered in his work and continued the cultivation and improvement of the farm until his death, which occurred December 13, 1876. His wife passed away January 10, 1871, and was laid to rest in the Congregational church cemetery in Wythe township.

Guy B. Chandler was the youngest living child at the time of his father's death. His early education acquired in the district schools, was supplemented by three terms of study in Warsaw Seminary, and he remained upon the old homestead until the time of his marriage, aiding in the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On the 12th of March, 1864, when twenty-one years of age, he wedded Miss Elizabeth A. Smith, who was born in Clark county, Indiana, March 23, 1839, a daughter of William and Susan (Scott)



Smith, natives of England and Maryland respectively, the former a son of John Smith, and the latter a daughter of John Scott. In the spring of 1856 they went to Warsaw and soon afterward settled with his brother, John Smith, in Wythe township.

Following his marriage Mr. Chandler purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Clark county, Missouri, of which sixty acres had been cleared, fenced and was under cultivation. He resolutely undertook the task of improving the remainder of the farm and there lived until after his mother's death, when he returned to the home place in Hancock county, conducting the farm for his father until the latter's demise, when he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of the old homestead. Eight years later he remodeled and improved the residence, which his brother had built. After his father's death he also fenced the place with hedge and with wire fences and he planted many fine shade trees, which add much to the value and attractive appearance of the farm. He also has an apple orchard covering two and a half acres. In 1903 he replaced the old home by a fine residence, containing all modern equipments and conveniences. It is supplied with hot and cold water and heated by furnace and convenient in its arrangement and tasteful in its furnishings.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler has been blessed with three daughters: Luella, now the wife of P. A. Fulton, of Keokuk, Iowa; Nettie S., the wife of Rev. Edward Montgomery, a Presbyterian minister at Warsaw, Indiana; and Eve E., the wife of Rev. W. H. Matthews, pas-

tor of a Presbyterian church in Chicago. The daughters were educated in Knox College, the older two pursuing the regular course, while the other pursued the scientific course and also studied music in that institution. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler thus gave their children excellent educational privileges and have lived to see them well settled in life. They hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they are deeply interested and to the support of which they contribute generously. Mr. Chandler is a republican, who has served as trustee of his township and also as assessor, discharging the duties of these offices with promptness and fidelity. His entire life has been passed in Wythe township and he is both widely and favorably known in this part of the county. He has made an enviable record as a business man and has achieved a measure of success which is most creditable, as it has been honorably won.

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#### CHARLES B. DOOLITTLE.

Charles B. Doolittle, owning and operating one of the finest tracts of land in Appanoose township, is a native son of this township, having here been born May 25, 1838, a son of Amzi and Phebe (White) Doolittle, natives of New York and Ohio respectively. The paternal grandfather, Edward Doolittle, left New York at an early day, coming to Illinois, settling in Sangamon county. He

brought with him his son Amzi, who was then seventeen years of age. He then left the son in Illinois and started back to New York for his wife and the other members of the family but died on the way. The son Amzi worked at farm labor in Sangamon county, receiving nine dollars per month for his work. He was thus employed for thirteen months and during that time had saved one hundred dollars, which he invested in a heifer, a yoke of steers and a sow. He then broke eight acres of wild land, which he planted to corn, and in this way he gained his start in life. At the end of two years, having raised quite an amount of stock, which he disposed of, and then removed to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he also broke eight acres of land, on which he lived until 1826, and then came to Appanoose and built the first house in the village—double log cabin. Many Indians were still to be found in this section of the state, and Mr. Doolittle traded some stock to them for a tract of land. He also conducted the first ferryboat running from Appanoose to Fort Madison, Iowa. He was married in this state to Miss Phebe White and they took up their abode in Appanoose. Later in company with his wife and one child he started for his old home in the Empire state, traveling on a steamer up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, and it was not until he had reached his old home that he learned of his father's death, he having died twelve years previous while on his way to that state for his family. Mr. Doolittle after a time returned again to Appanoose, where he continued the operation of his ferry-boat. He also built a large

sawmill and in connection with two other men built one of the first houses in Burlington, Iowa. He was a very prosperous man in all of his undertakings and eventually became a large landowner, having one thousand acres, situated in Iowa, Missouri, and Hancock county. He also conducted a merchandising enterprise and dealt in lumber. He was very active in the ranks of the Democratic party, serving as supervisor, as poor master of the county, and during his incumbency in the office of supervisor he saved the township several thousand dollars.

Charles B. Doolittle, whose name introduces this record, was reared to farm life, assisting his father in the operation of the homestead property, where he received practical training in all departments of farm labor. His educational advantages, however, were very limited for, owing to the unsettled condition of the country in his youth, there was not a good school system established, and during the short time that he pursued his studies the sessions of school were held in private homes. In 1862, in company with three comrades, he crossed the plains, traveling overland with six yoke of oxen, and after a long, tedious journey, which covered four months and five days, they reached Walla Walla, Washington, where he was employed in the gold mines during the summer season and through the winter months he worked on different ranches. In October, 1866, he started down the Yellowstone river to Sioux City, Iowa, from which place he went by stage to Denison, and there boarded the first railroad train he was ever on, his destination being Fort Madi-

son. He worked for his father for one year following his return from the west, and his father then gave him one hundred and nine acres of land, situated on section 11, Appanoose township, of which twenty-five acres had been cleared, while the remainder was covered with timber. He has since cleared much of this and now has about seventy-five acres under cultivation, which each year yields abundant harvests as the result of care and labor he has bestowed upon the fields. He has nineteen acres in oak timber, which is the first growth. He has also added many modern improvements upon his place, including good fences and outbuildings, which are kept in good state of repair, so that his farm shows evidence of an enterprising and progressive owner.

In August, 1867, occurred the marriage of Mr. C. B. Doolittle and Miss Nancy Olive Atherton, a native of Appanoose township, and a daughter of Robert Atherton. She became the mother of four sons and a daughter: Anzi, of Decorra, Illinois; Cora, the wife of William Long, of Hancock county, Illinois; Harry D. and Charles Roy, on the home place; and John Simpson, of Niota, Illinois. The wife and mother died about 1894, and thus passed away one of the highly esteemed women of Hancock county, her loss being deeply regretted by many friends, as well as her immediate family.

Mr. Doolittle gives his political support to the Democratic party, and served as school director for eight years, but aside from this has held no public office. Although deeply interested in the advancement of his county and its welfare

he finds little time for holding public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his own private interests, in which he is meeting with very desirable success. Although he inherited his property from his father he has worked hard in clearing and improving the place until today his is one of the productive and valuable tracts of his section of the state.

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#### WILLIAM H. HARTZELL.

William H. Hartzell is actively connected with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of any section or community and one which has long been considered as conserving the public welfare by furthering the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights and in his practice has attained considerable prominence, having today a distinctively representative clientage.

Mr. Hartzell was born in Durham township, Hancock county, November 8, 1869, and is a son of Noah and Rebecca (Weatherington) Hartzell. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1829, and the mother's birth occurred in or near Columbus, Ohio, in the same year. Mr. Hartzell was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit following his removal to Hancock county. In religious faith he was a Methodist, while his wife belongs to the Baptist church. His death occurred in La Harpe, while Mrs. Hartzell is now living in that town with her

daughter, Belle C., who is now the wife of Harry E. Claycomb and is the eldest of the family. The others are: Judd O., who resides in Monmouth, Illinois; Franklin, who died in childhood; and William H., of this review.

Reared under the parental roof William H. Hartzell pursued his education in the high school at La Harpe, of which he is a graduate, and in Gitting's Seminary. In 1886, at the age of seventeen years, he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of the firm of O'Hara & Scofield, of Carthage, and in 1890 was admitted to the bar, being then twenty-one years of age. He was then admitted to a partnership by his former preceptors and the firm became O'Hara, Scofield & Hartzell. Following the dissolution of this connection Mr. Hartzell joined Truman Plantz in the establishment of a law firm, Mr. Plantz maintaining an office in Warsaw and Mr. Hartzell in Carthage. The firm had an existence of nine months in that form, at the end of which time William C. Hooker was admitted to a partnership and so continued for three years. In 1901, Mr. Hartzell opened an office alone on Jackson street in Carthage, where he is now located. He possesses a fine law library, with the contents of which he is largely familiar. A self-made man, he entered business life as an employe of Charles Gill, proprietor of a general store in La Harpe, working in the implement department through the summer vacations, on Saturdays and after school hours. Today he is a leading lawyer of Carthage, having one of the finest practices in jury cases in the county. He is indeed a

strong and able trial lawyer and has won notable successes in several criminal cases. His is a natural discrimination as to legal ethics and he is so thoroughly well read in the minutae of the law that he is able to base his arguments upon thorough knowledge and familiarity with precedent and to present a case upon its merits, never failing to recognize the main point at issue and never neglecting to give a thorough preparation. He served as state's attorney from 1892 until 1896 and was also city attorney for La Harpe.

On the 13th of June, 1891, Mr. Hartzell was married to Miss Inez E. Charter, who was born near La Harpe in 1872, a daughter of Samuel and Salina (Lovitt) Charter, both of whom were natives of Muskingum county, Ohio. Her father was descended from Kentucky ancestry and came to Illinois at an early day, settling on a farm. He is now deceased, while his widow resides in Los Angeles, California. They were members of the Christian church and to this church Mrs. Hartzell also belongs. In her parents' family were five children: Phoebe and Ella, both deceased; Lucile, wife of J. W. Mitchell, who is living in Kentucky; Clara, the widow of Richard Sailor, of Los Angeles, California; and Inez E., the wife of our subject. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell have been born five children, Ruth, Franklin, Philip, Eloise and Grace, aged respectively thirteen, eleven, eight, four and one years. All were born in Carthage. The family home is pleasantly located about three and a half blocks northeast of the square and is a beautiful residence at the corner of

Jackson and Davis streets. Mrs. Hartzell is a most active and interested worker in the church and is now president of the Missionary Society. Mr. Hartzell usually votes with the Democratic party, but does not consider himself bound by party ties and often casts an independent ballot. He is a jovial, warm-hearted man, a true friend and an entertaining conversationalist, who looks at life from a practical standpoint, appreciative of its blessings and pleasures and never neglectful of its duties. He has won a notable place in legal circles and is respected by all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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#### BREVET MAJOR GENERAL OLIVER EDWARDS.

Brevet Major General Oliver Edwards was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, January 30, 1835. The family has always furnished representatives as defenders of the country.

Captain Oliver Edwards entered the colonial service in 1775, and valiantly aided in the struggle that secured the release of the oppressed colonies from British tyranny. He married Rachel Parsons, of Northampton, and their son, Dr. Elisha Edwards, father of the general, was born in Chesterfield, Massachusetts, January 26, 1795.

When a young man, Elisha Edwards went to Northampton and in the employ of E. Hunt learned the apothecary busi-

ness. In 1815 he moved to Springfield, Massachusetts, and engaged in business on his own account. In 1820 he formed a partnership with Henry Sterns, which lasted until 1825, and in 1828 with Charles J. Upham under the firm name of C. J. Upham & Company he established a wholesale drug house. He was one of the subscribers to the fund that purchased Court Square and was chosen one of the nine original directors of the Chicopee Bank of Springfield. In 1821 he was united in marriage to Eunice Lombard, the daughter of Daniel and Sylvia (Burt) Lombard, the birth of the father occurring February 4, 1764. In 1787, during Shay's rebellion, Mr. Lombard was active on the side of the government forces in quelling the insurrection. He received the commission of quartermaster of the First Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, from Governor Samuel Adams on July 31, 1794, and was honorably discharged January 20, 1798. He was appointed postmaster by Thomas Jefferson in 1806 and held that office during the administrations of James Madison, James Monroe and John Quincy Adams until June 3, 1829, a continuous service of twenty-three years. He married Sylvia Burt, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

To Dr. and Mrs. Edwards were born five sons and five daughters, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mrs. Caroline L. Smith, of Springfield, Massachusetts; Mrs. Sophia O. Johnson, of Bath, New Hampshire; Mrs. Charlotte E. Warner, of Springfield, Massachusetts; William, a prominent merchant of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Julia E. Hurd, of Dorchester, Massachusetts; Oliver, of Warsaw, Illinois;

and Mrs. Mary E. Childs, of Cleveland, Ohio.

From early boyhood, Oliver Edwards, of this review, had shown an undivided interest in mechanics, taking delight in the construction of articles from his playthings. It had been his mother's intention to give him a collegiate education, but so firmly was his heart set on mechanism, that she at last consented for him to pursue studies along that line and arranged for him a paid apprenticeship at the Springfield Arsenal, and there he became a master mechanic.

At the age of twenty-one, he started for Dubuque, Iowa, with the intention of establishing a foundry. An accident to the steamer coming up the Mississippi delayed him at Warsaw, Illinois, and overtures were made to him to build a foundry at that point. He entered a business partnership known as Neberling, Edwards & Company, a foundry was built and to this work he devoted his time until the breaking out of the Civil war. Being in Cleveland, Ohio, when the first call for troops was made he determined to return to the state where his ancestors had fought to establish the Union and there offer his services to aid in its preservation. He entered the service June 21, 1861, as a private, but was appointed adjutant of the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, but was soon detailed senior aid-de-camp on the staff of General D. N. Couch, commanding the division. In August, 1862, he was commissioned major and directed to organize the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment and September 4, 1862, he was mustered in as its colonel.

His ability as a commander was many times demonstrated. At Salem Church, Va., May 3, 1863, he was placed in command of his own and the Thirty-sixth New York Regiment to occupy the position of the extreme angle on the Federal line of battle, throughout the night of the 3d and the ensuing day. This exposed position was one of great peril and General Sedgwick, the corps commander, expressed his gratification at the outcome, frankly admitting that he had not expected to save a single man from the exposed position in which it had been necessary to place the command. Colonel Edwards personally led his command through the terrible cannonade at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, and when more than thirty of his men had fallen in a few minutes his resonant words of confidence, "Steady, Thirty-seventh!" rose above the din of battle and held every man to his place in a manner that won immediate and unqualified compliment delivered upon the field by the brigade commander. On the 30th of July, 1863, an order was given detailing "Four of the best disciplined regiments of the Army of the Potomac" for duty at New York in connection with the draft temporarily suspended owing to the draft riots, and the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts was the first regiment named in arranging for the detail. During his stay in New York Colonel Edwards was in command of the troops at Ft. Hamilton, consisting of his own regiment, two regiments of New York heavy artillery and some detachments of regulars that formed the permanent garrison. One incident only of the two months' stay there may be repeated there, although

many others would make interesting reading: Learning that prominent anti-draft leaders had declared that probably no further rioting would take place unless Massachusetts troops were brought to the city, in which case not a man of them would be allowed to leave alive, Colonel Edwards promptly requested that he be allowed to bring up his regiment as a special guard for the drafting quarters, that no other troops be allowed in sight and that only the Massachusetts state flag be displayed unless actual conflict took place. The request was granted and the plan fully carried out, but the threatened vengeance of the murderous wretches, who a few weeks before had drenched the city with blood, did not (very fortunately for them) go further than sullen looks and gloomy silence. The will of one fearless commander had faced a lawless element boasting an organized force of 20,000 men and had won a bloodless triumph for law and order.

It was not until fall that an opportunity occurred for leave of absence that enabled Colonel Edwards to return to Warsaw for the intended bride who had waited with trunks ready packed since May, the time first set for their marriage. and on September 3, 1863, Oliver Edwards was united in marriage to Ann Eliza Johnston, daughter of John E. and Catherine (Baldwin) Johnston, of Warsaw, Illinois, whose sketch appears on another page of this work.

In the battle of the wilderness, May 5, 1864, General Wadsworth, whose division had been broken and driven back in some disorder, called upon Colonel Edwards and his regiment for assistance in

checking the triumphant enemy and clearing the field so that the broken division might be reformed and put into action. For nine hundred yards his single regiment swept the field triumphantly, though at a cost of one-fourth of its number.

"You have made a splendid charge, your regiment has done all I wished, and more than I dared hope," said General Wadsworth as he rode away in search of his division and to instant death.

General Edwards received the brevet rank of brigadier general October 19, 1864, "for gallant and distinguished services in the battle of Spotsylvania Court House and meritorious conduct on the field of battle at Winchester, Virginia."

At the battle of Opegnam, September 19, 1864, upon the death of General Russell and the wounding of General Upham, the command of the division devolved upon Colonel Edwards, which he held until the close of the battle and handled with such promptness and skill, with such unflinching judgment as to win the admiration of his superior officers, especially General Sheridan, who as a mark of appreciation appointed him commandant of the post at Winchester, Virginia, with his brigade as post garrison. It was from the breakfast table at General Edwards's headquarters that General Sheridan started on his ride to Cedar Creek to check the disaster of October 19. In fact, the friendship between Generals Sheridan and Edwards was so close that the former urged Edwards to accept the appointment of provost marshal general on his staff and it was with great reluctance that Sheridan consented for him to return to

his old brigade. In vain was the offer of a command of a division not including his old brigade made Edwards by General Meade. When his return to active duty was decided upon the heart of the commander was with his old regiment and he emphatically refused to take any appointment which would take him from them. In the assault of April 2 on the lines at Petersburg his brigade took an active part, being the first to break through the confederate works. Next morning General Edwards received from the mayor of Petersburg the surrender of the city very soon after the evacuation of General Lee. For his services at this time he received the commission of brevet major general to date from April 5, 1865. On the 15th of January, 1866, he was honorably discharged from the service of the United States after declining an appointment for permanent military advancement of which any soldier might be proud, contentedly returning to take up the broken threads of business life. Returning to Warsaw, Illinois, at the close of the war, he remained for three years, serving the city as postmaster for a year and a half, a position he resigned to become general agent for the Florence Machine Company at Northampton, Massachusetts, removing with his family to that place, and later became the company's general superintendent, during which time he patented several improvements on the sewing machine. He invented and patented the Florence spring skate, which the company manufactured, also the Florence oil stove, the base of which is used in all the wick oil stoves used and manufactured today.

In 1875 he retired from active business, and returning to Warsaw bought the house built by William H. Roosevelt, a grand uncle of President Theodore Roosevelt, which remains the family home.

In 1882 he accepted an appointment as general manager of the Gardner Machine and Gun Company, of England, with headquarters in that country. After a year he returned to the United States for his family, but two years later resigned owing to ill health and again returned to Warsaw.

He was always active in the advancement of the best interests of his city, serving it as mayor three terms, was chosen many times upon the boards of public school and library, was frequently commander of Arthur W. Marsh Post No. 343, Grand Army of the Republic, and a member of the Masonic fraternity. In politics he was a stalwart republican. During the last two years of his life he gathered into manuscript his recollections of the Civil war. An ardent lover of nature, time never hung heavy for him and he spent many hours in the cultivation of his rose garden, in growing and experimenting with fruits and vegetables. He was a keen sportsman with rod and gun, a friend of animals, a student of books, a loyal friend and an honored citizen, following faithfully every pursuit of earnest duty, content and proud to pass his life modestly, sweetly, in the land his valor had helped to save.

General Edwards died at his home in Warsaw, April 28, 1904. There survive him his wife and two children: John E. and Julia Katherine, the latter now



living with her mother at the home in Warsaw. John E. received his education in the public schools of Massachusetts and Illinois up to the age of fourteen, when he was sent to Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, for two years, and then for one year attended the Quincy (Illinois) Business College. At the age of seventeen, being in poor health, he went to Colorado to spend the summer on the ranch of his mother's uncle, Edwin Baldwin, intending to enter the University of Michigan that fall, but the charm of the west held him and the following three years he spent on the ranches in Colorado, Texas and Indian Territory as a cowboy. In 1888 he went to Chicago and for a year was in the employ of Nelson, Morris & Company and of Swift & Company, but returned to Texas and drove a herd to Montana. For nine years he was in the employ of Thomas Cruse as foreman of an outfit and as general manager of all his cattle and sheep interests in Fergus County, Montana, resigning to go into a general merchandising business at Junction, Montana. A year later he was appointed United States Indian agent on the Crow reservation, an appointment he held for three years, resigning to be appointed United States Indian inspector for the northwest, from which he resigned to go into business at Forsyth, Montana, where he is president of the Bank of Commerce, of the Electric Light and Telephone Company and is also engaged in irrigation and railroad construction. He has recently been elected to represent Rosebud county as state senator. In 1891 he married Julia, a daughter of Reese Anderson, a ranchman

at Ft. Maginnis, Montana, and to them have been born three children, two now living: Annie Johnstone and Eunice Irene Edwards.

(Taken from the Springfield, Massachusetts, Republican, date September 20, 1904): At the presentation of a portrait of General Edwards by Mr. Bowen to the Springfield, Massachusetts, city hall collection.

Secretary James L. Bowen, of this city, who made the presentation speech, said that General Edwards needed no memorial to keep his memory enshrined in the hearts of those who fought under him, and with him. But it was fitting that the members of General Edwards's old regiment should leave something to serve as a reminder in the city of his birth of their old commander. Mr. Bowen said that he should not attempt to review the life of General Edwards, for the facts were too well known. His military record did not need to be eulogized. From the battle of Fair Oaks to the mustering out in 1865 he fought bravely. General Edwards had entered the service, Mr. Bowen said, from civilian life, dropping his business in the west on the call to arms. He came to Springfield and began recruiting on Hampden park. And when the recruits that he had collected were portioned out to fill other brigades General Edwards did not sulk in his tent, but accepted the conditions like a true soldier. His promotion was due, Mr. Bowen said, not to political influence, but to his own ability.

Loyal as he was to the state and city of his nativity, he was equally loyal to the regiment which he had organized and

which had given its organizer such credit. During his entire military career he absolutely refused to accept any command which did not include the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts regiment. His warm friend, General Sheridan, urged him, while commandant of the post at Winchester, to accept an appointment which meant a lifetime of service in the regular army, with high rank, but it was declined, and he returned to the army of the Potomac, to renew the perils of active service in the field. There he positively refused to accept any command which did not embrace you men who are gathered here today. This refusal was carried to such a point as to place him in antagonism with officers of superior rank, but Edwards would not swerve, and finally he was assigned to the command which he sought, and through the defenses of Petersburg he led his tried and trusted battalions, as he did in that last terrific struggle at Sailor's creek, where General Sheridan, not accustomed to delay in striking the enemy, sat upon his horse, with the battlefield before him, and waited till Edwards and his command could be brought up from a point three miles in the rear to bear the brunt of the infantry fighting.

His life as a citizen was a worthy supplement to his life as a soldier. Modest in his manner, the esteem in which he was held is shown by the positions of trust given him by the community in which his life was passed, where every honor within the gift of his constituents was gratefully bestowed. Such, in brief, was the life whose close we mourn as we gather here today. Mr. Commander, I give to your keeping this memorial.

Brevet Major General Oliver Edwards—peerless soldier, worthy citizen, true-hearted comrade.

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#### JOHN W. BERTSCHI.

John W. Bertschi is one of the native sons of Hancock county, having first opened his eyes to the light of day on section 22, Appanoose township, February 12, 1852. In the years that have come and gone he has proved an active and enterprising citizen, giving helpful support to many progressive public measures and at the same time carefully conducting his individual business interests. Little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family save that earlier generations were for a long period residents of Switzerland. John Bertschi, the grandfather, born and reared in that country, was there married to Miss Steiner, and their son, William Bertschi, was born in the land of the Alps April 18, 1825. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Miss Elizabeth Walti, who was born in Switzerland, July 2, 1827, and was a daughter of Rudolph Walti. It was in the year 1849 that William Bertschi came to Hancock county with his widowed mother and brothers and sisters. He was then a young man of twenty-four years, and after assisting the family to get located in the new world, he returned to his native country in 1850 and there, in the spring of 1851, he was married. In the

fall of the same year he brought his bride to the United States and made his way to Hancock county, Illinois, having previously determined to locate here where the family had taken up their abode. He purchased forty acres of land on section 22, Appanoose township, it being one of the first farms of the locality. Upon it was the only apple orchard in this part of the county and people would come for miles around to get apples, and others came for long distances just to see the orchard, which was an oddity in those early days. There was one frame house and one log building upon the farm and also two or three log stables. As Mr. Bertschi could not obtain possession of his property until the spring of 1852 he lived with his sister, who had the adjoining forty acres, during the winter. When spring came, however, he took up his abode upon his own place and began its development and improvement. In course of time he added eighty acres of prairie land and forty acres of timber and at different times made purchase of twenty acres on section 15, twenty acres on section 16, and an eighty-acre tract on section 27. He became well known as a stockman, being particularly fond of horses, and thus well qualified for their care and raising. He owned the first imported Percheron horse sired by Napoleon brought to this country. At different times he owned many stallions and did an extensive business as a breeder. He died March 7, 1900, and was laid to rest in Nauvoo cemetery, while his wife passed away October 7, 1893. Their family numbered five sons and three daughters, as follows: John W.; Her-

man and Albert, who are residing at Glenwood, Washington; Carl, whose home is in Niota, this county; Lizette B., the widow of Lee Miller, of Iowa; Otilia, the wife of John Kindscher, of Meeker, Colorado; Emma, the wife of Louis J. Bicker, who resides on the old Bertschi homestead in Appanoose township; and William D., also of Niota.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John W. Bertschi in his boyhood and youth. He was a student in Center district school of Appanoose township and like other boys he enjoyed the sports which were indulged in by the youth of the neighborhood. He was trained to active farm labor, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields, and to his father he gave the benefit of his services until his marriage, remaining until that time under the parental roof. He had previously purchased eighty acres of land on section 27, Appanoose township, of which he became owner in the spring of 1876. There was an old log house upon the place that is still standing, and the other improvements were of a primitive nature.

It was to this pioneer home that Mr. Bertschi took his bride, when on the 24th of October, 1877, he was married to Miss Margaret Porth, who was born in Appanoose township, May 28, 1856. Her parents were Frederick and Dorothy E. (Herman) Porth, natives of Hesse, Germany. The father made his way to Belleville, Illinois, in 1841, and lived in St. Clair county until 1852, when he removed to Nauvoo and settled upon a farm in Appanoose township, where he spent his re-

maining days, passing away on the 1st of December, 1894. His widow still survives him and is now living in St. Louis with her daughter, Mrs. John Klug. As stated, Mr. Bertschi took his bride to the log cabin upon his farm and there lived for ten years, after which they spent two years in a stone house situated opposite his place. In the fall of 1890 he was elected treasurer of the county and removed to Carthage, where he continued to reside until 1898, when he removed to the vicinity of his home place and rented a house, but in that year he had a modern dwelling erected, which he and his family have occupied since September, 1898. He has also extended the boundaries of his farm by purchasing sixty acres on the south. He is well known as a general farmer and stock-raiser, his attention in the latter direction being given largely to Poland China hogs.

In 1902 Mr. Bertschi was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 28th of January, and was buried in Nauvoo cemetery. Their children are: William Tell, who was born August 19, 1878, and is now in Portland, Oregon; Roscoe R., who was born April 13, 1883, and is at home; and Wallace, born May 14, 1887.

Mr. Bertschi holds membership in the Christian church at Carthage, and is one of the prominent democrats of the county, recognized as a leader in the ranks of the party. He was called to various public offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity. He was first elected township collector, serving in 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880. It was during the same period that he

acted for one year as town clerk, and he has also filled the office of supervisor for a number of terms. For three years he was a director of the agricultural board of the county fair at Carthage. In the fall of 1890 he was chosen by popular suffrage to the office of county treasurer, and served for one term of four years, while since 1900 he has been assessor of Appanoose township. Called thus to various offices his re-elections have been indications of his ability and the trust and confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He has wielded a wide influence in public affairs and he it said to his credit that the weight of his influence is ever on the side of right, reform, progress and improvement. He is a man honorable in all life's relations and whether in positions of public trust, in business circles or as a representative of social relations he is known as a man worthy of high regard and confidence.

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FRANKLIN L. McCORMICK, M. D.

He whose name initiates this review has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of Carthage and Hancock county, and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held in the medical fraternity in the local public. He is one of Illinois' native sons, his birth having occurred in Mount Sterling, Brown county, on the 22d day of March,

1857, his parents being Robert and Adeline (Wilson) McCormick. The father was born in Kentucky and both he and his wife spent their childhood days there and were married in that state. The name, however, would indicate Scotch ancestry. Robert McCormick and his wife came to Illinois prior to 1849, as the court records show that he owned the ground where the Baptist church now stands prior to that day. He was a tanner and owned a tannery in Brown county, continuing in that business up to the time of his death. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and were people of the highest respectability. The father died December 24, 1861, when his son Franklin was but four years of age, and the mother was left with the care of twelve children, whom she reared, giving a mother's loving devotion to them. She died at the advanced age of eighty years, three months and three days, passing away in 1896.

Dr. McCormick is the eleventh child and seventh son in the family. When seven years of age he left Brown county and removed to Pike county, Illinois, where he acquired his preliminary education and afterward attended Normal school. Later he engaged in teaching but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor. For he desired to become a member of the medical fraternity and became a student in the office and under the direction of Dr. Harvey, of Pittsfield. He afterward attended the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis and pursued one course of lectures there, while later he entered the Keokuk Med-

ical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He located for practice at Bentley, in Hancock county, where he soon secured a good country practice, but desiring a broader field he removed to Memphis, Missouri, where he remained six months. He then came to Carthage on the 22d of February, 1899, and has since maintained a prominent position in the ranks of the medical fraternity here and has a large and lucrative practice. He occupies a fine suite of rooms in the McMahan building and is a general practitioner, well versed in all departments of medical science and its adaptation. He belongs to the Hancock Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is moreover grand medical examiner of the Hancock County Mutual Life Association, of which he was the originator, and which is now known as one of the most successful mutual insurance companies of the country, and owes its success largely to Dr. McCormick.

Dr. McCormick was married December 13, 1882, to Miss Mary E. Browning, of Perry, Pike county, a daughter of William and Mary (Dorsey) Browning, who were old residents of Pike county, locating there on coming from Tennessee. Unto Dr. and Mrs. McCormick have been born three children: Matie A., married June 3, 1906, to Carl C. Carlton, of Sault St. Marie, Michigan, where she resides. She is a graduate of the Carthage high school; Nettie L., who is also a graduate of the high school and is cashier of the Wyman Rand Carpet Company of Carthage; and Grace E., who is yet a student. Dr. and Mrs. McCormick

and the two elder daughters hold membership in the Christian church. Theirs is a pleasant and attractive home on South Main street, Dr. McCormick having made most of the improvements there. Its hospitality is justly celebrated and their circle of friends is an extensive one. Dr. McCormick belongs to the Odd Fellows Society of Perry and the Knights of Pythias lodge at Pittsfield, Illinois. In politics he is a democrat but is too busy to hold office even if he had political aspirations. He is justly accounted one of the strong members of the medical fraternity in the county, having thoroughly acquainted himself with the science of medicine, and to his knowledge he is continually adding through reading and investigation, while in his practice he displays keen power of diagnosis, so that he is seldom at error in a matter of professional judgment.

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#### CLARK H. RICE.

Clark H. Rice is one of the native sons of Hancock county and although his residence here has not been continuous he has yet spent the greater part of his life within the borders of the county and is now classed with the representative agriculturists of Pontoosuc township, owning and cultivating one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 33. His life record began in Durham township in 1866 and he is a son of Henry and Elizabeth Rice, who are men-

tioned elsewhere in this volume. He was educated in the Almater school and in Elliott's Business College, at Burlington, Iowa, and thus, by liberal training, was well equipped for the arduous duties that come with one's entrance into the business world. He remained at home with his parents until twenty-four years of age and then made arrangements for having a home of his own through his marriage in 1890, to Miss Laura M. Bradfield, who was born in Hardin county, Iowa, January 4, 1870, a daughter of James N. and Ada (Wolf) Bradfield. Her father was born in Virginia, Loudoun county, in 1833, and her mother in Ohio, in 1836, and they came to Hancock county from Iowa when their daughter, Mrs. Rice, was a very little girl. She is the youngest of their four children, all yet living, the others being: James L., of La Harpe; William F., also living in La Harpe; and Sherman, a resident of Durham township.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice began their domestic life on a farm near Disco, Illinois, and followed farming in this county until 1893. The succeeding three years were spent upon a farm in Nebraska and on returning to Illinois, Mr. Rice was again engaged in farming near Disco for a year. He after engaged in the same pursuit near Argyle, Iowa, for six years, and in 1903 he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 32, Pontoosuc township, where he has since resided. The place is well improved with a good residence, barn and other modern equipments and as a general farmer and stock-raiser Mr. Rice is meeting with prosperity, as the result of his close ap-

plication, careful management and laudable ambition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rice were born four children: One died in infancy. Bertha, born October 25, 1891, in Disco, died July 19, 1899; Charles L., born in Argyle, Iowa, April 26, 1898, is at home; Eulah E., born in Pontoosuc township, July 5, 1903, died on the 29th of August, of that year. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist church and in politics he is a republican. He has no desire for office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interest which, carefully conducted, are bringing him a measure of success that classes him with the men of affluence in his township.

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#### LAFAYETTE FRAZER.

Lafayette Frazer, carrying on general farming in Walker township, was born in Walker township in 1882, a son of George W. and Elizabeth Rebecca (Shipe) Frazer. The father was reared to farm life and has always followed agricultural pursuits. His wife, also a native of Hancock county, was born in Rocky Run township. They still reside in Walker township and are people of genuine personal worth. Their family numbers six children, of whom five are now living: James, a resident of Walker township; Edith, the wife of William Schildman, of Walker township; Lafay-

ette, of this review; Marion and Elberta, both at home.

The Oak Valley school in Walker township afforded Lafayette Frazer his educational privileges, which he enjoyed in his youth. He remained on the old homestead until he had attained his majority and on the 1st of December, 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Ina Tripp, who was born in Adams county, June 13, 1881, a daughter of Alva and Sallie Tripp, both of whom were natives of Illinois, the former born in 1854, and the latter in 1861. They are now prosperous farming people of Adams county, Illinois, and in their family are four children, namely: Mrs. Frazer, Clifford, Verna, and Virgil. The family yet remains unbroken by the hand of death, and with the exception of Mrs. Frazer all are yet under the parental roof.

Following his marriage Mr. Frazer rented a farm of two hundred and forty acres which was once owned and occupied by his grandfather and is now the property of his father. Here he engages in the raising of stock in addition to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. In his farm work he is enterprising as well as diligent and his persistence and determination constitute the salient features in his life and argue well for his success.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frazer has been blessed with two interesting children: Helen, born in 1902; and Harold, in 1904. The parents are pleasant, genial people and hospitality is one of the delightful features of their home. Mr. Frazer exercises his right of franchise in support of the democracy but has never

been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs.

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### JOHN MORGAN KISER.

A well developed and highly improved farm in Wythe township is the property of John Morgan Kiser, who has spent almost his entire life in Illinois. He was born in Campbell county, Kentucky, September 20, 1862, being the sixth in order of birth in a family of two sons and seven daughters whose parents were Wilson and Mary (Johnson) Kiser, likewise natives of Campbell county. The paternal grandfather was Robert Kiser, and the maternal grandfather, James Johnson, both residents of Kentucky. In the year 1864, Wilson Kiser brought his family to Hancock county and purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 29, Wythe township. Upon this farm was a small house and a little stable and a fence had been built around the place. He soon remodeled the house, built a granary and barn and continued the work of improving his farm which in course of years became an excellent property, the fields returning him golden harvests in reward for the care and labor which he bestowed upon them. He remained upon this farm until called to his final rest, his wife passing away in May, 1890, while he survived until October of the same year.

Brought to Wythe township when but two years of age, John M. Kiser pursued

his education in the district schools of the neighborhood and when not busy with his text-books aided in the farm work, giving his father the benefit of his services in the field and meadow until he had attained his majority. He then began farming on his own account, and purchased forty acres of land on section 28, Wythe township, from his father. This he cultivated for six years, at the end of which time he purchased the old homestead of one hundred and sixty acres from the other heirs and took possession of the place. When the barn was destroyed by fire in 1895 he replaced it by a good barn forty by fifty feet and in 1905 he further improved his place by the erection of one among the finest homes in the township. It is heated by furnace and supplied with all modern equipments, is tastefully furnished and is noted for its gracious and warm hearted hospitality. Mr. Kiser gives his attention to the cultivation of his fields and to the raising of Percheron horses and good grades of cattle and hogs. He also farms eighty acres of land belonging to his wife, and the success which is attending his efforts is indicative of his progressive methods in carrying on the farm work.

On the 27th of August, 1883, Mr. Kiser was married to Miss Rose Ewing, who was born in Walker township and pursued her education in the district schools there, while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, John and Margaret (Stucker) Ewing, who were natives of Kentucky and Ohio respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser now have an interesting family of four children:



Ethel, born June 2, 1887; Emma, September 10, 1893; Claud, April 23, 1898; and Annie, September 20, 1900. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church and Mr. Kiser votes with the democracy but he has never been an aspirant for office. The fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present time is an indication that his life has been well spent and that his sterling traits of character are such as command uniform confidence and good will.

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#### ALBERT BERTSCHI.

Albert Bertschi, a prominent stockman of Niota, where he is engaged in handling horses, cattle and sheep, is a native son of Illinois, having been born in Appanoose township, September 18, 1871, of Scotch and Swiss ancestry. His paternal grandparents were Solomon and Elizabeth Bertschi, who emigrated from the land of the Alps in an early day, bringing with them their son Philemon, who was the father of our subject. They first settled in New Orleans, but in 1856 went to St. Louis, where they remained one winter and then removed to Illinois, locating in Appanoose township. Here Philemon Bertschi was married in 1868 to Miss Margaret Mackie, the wedding ceremony being performed at Frenchtown. She was a daughter of Robert Mackie, whose birth occurred in Scotland, and who emigrated to America, settling

in Hancock county prior to the time the Mormons took up their abode in this section of the state. In this county the daughter, Margaret, was born and after reaching womanhood gave her hand in marriage to Philemon Bertschi. Her father passed away in this county in the year 1870. Following his marriage Philemon Bertschi, father of our subject, located on a farm in Appanoose township, comprising one hundred and ninety-eight acres, to which he added from time to time until at the time of his death, April 2, 1902, he left a valuable farm of four hundred acres. His wife had preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring in May, 1887.

Albert Bertschi, the eldest of four sons and three daughters, was reared on the home farm, assisting his father in the operations of his farming pursuits, so that the son received practical training which enabled him later in life to carry on business on his own account. He acquired his education in district school No. 43, near his father's home, and remained with his parents until he attained his majority, at which time he was married and started out in life on his own account. He chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Bessie Briley, whom he wedded on the 5th of April, 1892. She is a native of Appanoose township, and is a daughter of William and Matilda (Uhler) Briley, both natives of the Keystone state.

Following his marriage Mr. Bertschi took up his abode on a farm in Sonora township, belonging to his father, where he remained for ten years. After his father's death he removed to the old

homestead farm, which he operated until March, 1905, when he took up his abode in Niota, where he built a large barn and began dealing in horses, cattle and sheep. He now has an associate in business, his partner being William Ellison. They are now engaged quite extensively in handling horses, cattle and sheep, shipping a large amount of each, from which they derive a gratifying income. He is a wide-awake and enterprising business man well known all over Hancock county, his business interests taking him over a large territory. He is ever found reliable and straightforward in all his business transactions and is accounted one of the leading factors of his village.

In his political views Mr. Bertschi is a democrat, and for a number of years served as school director. He holds membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to camp No. 1654, at Niota, and is also an Odd Fellow, belonging to lodge, No. 222, at Nauvoo. In his family are two children, Phil Albert, born April 30, 1893; and Bernice, born in March, 1895.

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#### CHARLES T. MARTIN.

Charles T. Martin, captain on a boat running from Quincy, Illinois, to Davenport, Iowa, is a worthy citizen of Niota, where he owns and occupies a fine home, besides other property which he rents. He is a native of Columbus, Ohio, his birth having occurred September 22,

1840, a son of Charles T. and Mary Jane (Jackson) Martin, natives of Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and Connecticut, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Martin had accompanied their respective parents to Columbus, Ohio, during their youth and were there married about 1834. The father was a contractor and builder, and in 1842 he removed to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he continued his work as a carpenter and contractor until 1853, when he went to California, and his death there occurred three years later. In his family were two sons and four daughters, of whom the subject of this review was the third in order of birth, and of whom four yet survive, namely: Charles T.; Sarah A., the widow of Dr. George Ferrard, now residing in Chicago; Helen M., the wife of W. B. Bently, and a resident of Fort Madison, Iowa, and A. A., also of that city. The mother, in 1871, married Jonathan Allen, who was a retired farmer, and her death occurred February 13, 1906, when she had reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years, for her birth occurred April 28, 1818.

Charles T. Martin, whose name introduces this record, acquired a common-school education in Fort Madison, and at the age of thirteen years entered a printing office, where he was employed for one year, after which he went to Davenport, Iowa, and worked in a job printing office for the succeeding six years. He then became interested in navigation and learned to be a pilot, his work being on the Mississippi river. Three years later he became captain of a boat running from Quincy, Illinois, to Davenport, Iowa,

which he has followed to the present time. In the meantime, in 1883, he bought a farm comprising one hundred and sixty-eight acres, situated on section 1, Appanoose township, a portion of which was operated by his sons, while the remainder he rented to other parties. In the spring of 1902, however, he sold this property and invested in four lots and two houses in Niota, one of which he occupies, while the other he rents. He has a fine home, which is supplied with all comforts and conveniences and he is now comfortably situated in life.

On the 3d of March, 1864, Mr. Martin was married to Miss Justina M. Dellanbaugh, a native of North Georgetown, Columbiana county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Sarah (Sheets) Dellanbaugh, natives of Switzerland and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mrs. Martin was born June 3, 1846, and between the ages of four and eighteen years pursued her studies in a convent at Cleveland, Ohio. The living members of Mr. Martin's family are as follows: Charles L., who was born March 13, 1865, and is a pilot on a boat running on the Mississippi river and resides in Warsaw, Illinois; Justina M., born August 12, 1869, and now the wife of Thomas Cosgrove, of Appanoose township; Anderson A., born July 31, 1876, and a resident of Fort Madison, Iowa; Frank E., born October 23, 1878, and a resident of Mammoth, Montana; Mary H., who was born October 4, 1880, and is now the wife of Fred Jackson, of Carthage township; Royal M., who was born December 12, 1886, and resides with his parents but is employed by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, at Fort

Madison, Iowa; Sydney L., born December 26, 1889; Earl, born June 26, 1891. Those deceased are: Harriett M., who was born November 26, 1866, and died July 6, 1870; Damaras C., who was born May 13, 1874, and passed away February 3, 1887; John D., who was born February 10, 1872, and died February 5, 1888; Sarah E., who was born March 5, 1883, and died February 21, 1888; and Raymond V., twin brother of Royal, whose death occurred July 17, 1897.

Mr. Martin supports the principles of the Democratic party and served as school director for four years but aside from this has accepted no political office. Fraternally he holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America. He has been energetic and persevering in all that he has undertaken and as the years have passed by has accumulated a comfortable competence so that he is now enabled to enjoy many of the comforts of life. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have reared a family of children of which they have every reason to be proud and they are highly esteemed people of this portion of the state.

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#### WILLIAM M. FERGUSON.

William M. Ferguson, who is engaged in the livery business and is also a dealer in horses in La Harpe, was born in Ayreshire, Scotland, May 29, 1867. He is a son of John Ferguson, also a native of Ayreshire and a grandson of Mathew Earl. The former married Grace Earl.

a daughter of David and Margaret (Stevens) Earl, who were born in Ayre-shire as was Mrs. Ferguson. John Ferguson was an engineer on the Glasgow & Southwestern Railroad and spent his entire life in his native country, there passing away in 1901, having for more than a decade survived his wife, who died in 1890.

William M. Ferguson acquired a common-school education, attending until the age of ten years, when he started out upon his business career, working with a horse buyer of the name of Crawford, at Manare Head, Scotland. He was thus engaged for eight years and afterward removed to Inchnnan, Paisley, Scotland, where he worked for a Mr. Taylor, a horse breeder, for two years. In 1887 he came to America with eighteen head of thoroughbred horses for John C. Huston, of Blandinsville, Illinois, and was in the employ of Mr. Huston for seven years, the latter being one of the most prominent stock breeders and dealers in his section of the state. In 1895 he entered the employ of W. O. Talbert, feeding and caring for horses and five years later, with the capital that he had acquired, he began business on his own account, dealing in and shipping horses for himself. On the 18th of January, 1906, he purchased the Lancaster livery barn in La Harpe, becoming owner of fourteen head of horses and twelve vehicles. He is still conducting the livery business and he yet deals in horses, employing two men. He is an expert judge of horses, seldom at error in his estimate of the value of an animal and since engaging in business on his own account

he has secured a good patronage and conducted a profitable trade.

On the 31st of January, 1893, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Martin, who was born in Canton, Illinois, in June, 1875, and is a daughter of Patrick and Belle (Haley) Martin, who were natives of Ireland and her father was employed in railroad work in Illinois for many years. He died in August, 1905. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have been born three children: Grace, who was born in 1894 and died at the age of two years; Maggie, born in 1896 and died in infancy; and Raymond, born in August, 1903.

Mr. Ferguson is a member of the Christian church and his political allegiance is given to the democracy but he has neither time nor inclination to seek office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests, in which he is now meeting with success. He has had no occasion to regret his determination to come to America for he has found here good business opportunities and through their utilization has gained a comfortable living.

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#### HENRY THOMAS PITT.

Henry Thomas Pitt, a progressive agriculturist and stock-raiser of Sonora township, having here a fine tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and arable land, is a native of Herefordshire, England, his natal day being July 15, 1836, a son of Thomas and Charlotte

(Hardwick) Pitt, likewise natives of the fatherland. The son was a little lad of five years, when, in the spring of 1841, he accompanied his mother to America, and they at once made their way to Nauvoo, where they were joined by the father in the following spring. The family then located on a farm in Sonora township, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits.

Henry Thomas Pitt acquired his education in the Elliott district school near his father's home, this being the first school built in the township. He remained with his parents until his marriage on the 12th of December, 1861, Miss Huldah Jane Stevens becoming his wife. She is a native of Meigs county, Ohio, her birth having occurred March 3, 1842, and when eight years of age she was brought to this state by her parents, Daniel and Mary (Stabbord) Stevens, both natives of Maine. On removing from their native state they settled in Ohio, where they remained from 1840 until 1850 and at that time went to Quincy, but four years later removed to Sonora township, Hancock county, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres which he improved and his death occurred one year later in 1865, while his wife survived for twelve years.

Following his marriage Mr. Pitt located on his farm of eighty acres, lying on section 14, Sonora township, of which only about fifteen acres had been cleared. He at once set to work to improve his farm and in course of time placed his fields under a high state of cultivation and planted his crops, from which he annually gathered rich harvests. On the place was a log cabin, in which the family

made their home until the fall of 1866, when this was replaced by a more commodious frame dwelling. He set out shade trees and an orchard containing one hundred and twenty fruit trees of various kinds, of which only two apple trees remain. He has set out a second orchard, as well as small fruit of all kinds, has built barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of stock, grain and farm machinery, and from time to time added to his house until he today has one of the finest country residences of his portion of the state, being supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories. In 1881 he added an additional tract of eighty acres to his home place, so that he now has one hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land. Here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, including horses, cattle and Chester White and Poland China hogs.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and four daughters, as follows: Alice Ann, who was born June 26, 1862, and died in January, 1863; Edwin, born March 13, 1864, a resident of Rock Creek township; Orin W., born in 1866, and likewise a resident of Rock Creek township; Ida J., the wife of Frank Stevenson, also of that township; Hattie C., the wife of Charles Ross, of Montrose, Iowa; Henry Thomas, of Van Buren county, Iowa; John Everett, residing in Rock Creek township; Milton Warren, of Dallas City; and Maud Allen, the wife of Harvey Hardy, of Rock Creek township.

In politics Mr. Pitt is independent, voting for the men whom he regards as best qualified for office, regardless of party

ties. He has served as school director but aside from this has held no public office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Latter Day Saints' church. Mr. Pitt has led a busy and useful life and all that he possesses has been acquired through his own well directed labors. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by and now has an excellent farm which bears evidence of the careful supervision and management of the owner.

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#### DAVID R. SIGHTS.

Among the self-made men who are now leading and influential factors in the agricultural life of Hancock county may be numbered David R. Sights, for, being left an orphan at a very early age, he has depended upon his own enterprise and industry for his success in life and the position which he occupies today is due entirely to his own well directed efforts. A native of Guernsey county, Ohio, he was born July 4, 1847, a son of William and Martha (Sarchet) Sights, the former born in Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Grundy Island, France. The father followed farming in the Buckeye state, and in 1853 made his way to the state of Iowa, the family traveling in a wagon, the journey requiring six weeks, at which time they arrived at Keokuk, their destination. There the family made their home for two years, the father being employed in a brick yard, and later took

a contract to chop wood, which continued to be his occupation for some time. Here both the father and mother passed away, their deaths occurring only a month apart.

David R. Sights, is the youngest in a family of four sons and four daughters, and being bereft of both parents at a very early age he accompanied a neighbor to La Harpe township, this county, where he was employed for several years by different farmers of this section of the state. He was industrious and economical, and thus saving his earnings he was in the course of time enabled to carry on farming on his own account.

Considering the subject of having a home of his own, he sought and won a companion December 16, 1881, by his marriage to Miss Ida Kate Nichols, whose birth occurred in La Harpe township, May 29, 1863, a daughter of Joseph and Thurza (Murdock) Nichols, both natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania. Her parents removed to Adams county, Illinois, in 1853, and later took up their abode in La Harpe township, where the father purchased land and settled on a farm on section 7. Here the father engaged in general agricultural pursuits and became an extensive dealer in live stock. His death occurred September, 1871. His widow continued to reside on the homestead property until her death, which occurred October 9, 1893.

Following his marriage Mr. Sights took up his abode on the farm of his mother-in-law, which he managed until her death, subsequent to which time he purchased the interest of the heirs in the property, thus becoming owner of fifty-four acres of well improved and valuable

property. He has added to his original purchase until he now owns eighty acres of improved land and five acres of timber, and on his place are found good substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. On the 2d of May, 1905, the house was destroyed by fire, and in the fall of the same year Mr. Sights built a two-story frame residence, containing eight rooms, which is supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories. He has an orchard of three acres, which is set out to apples, peaches, pears and plums, and he likewise raises small fruits of different varieties.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born three daughters: Nora Belle was born April 4, 1882, and is now the wife of Alvin Martin, a resident of Durham township. Beulah Frances, born May 24, 1887, and Gladys Aldona, born November 5, 1897, are both at home. Politically Mr. Sights is a democrat, and has served as school director for several years. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership with La Harpe lodge, No. 653. Starting out in life a poor boy with no assistance and depending entirely upon his own labors, Mr. Sights has worked untiringly in the acquirement of a competence and is today in possession of a well improved farm property on which are found all the improvements known to a model farm of the twentieth century, and through his honesty and reliability has gained a place among the representative and progressive agriculturists of this portion of the state. He is held in high esteem by all who know him, and in his work is persistent and energetic.

#### THOMAS JEFFERSON SIGHTS.

Among the men who are interested in the commercial development and progress of Disco is numbered Thomas Jefferson Sights who, in connection with A. N. Davier, is successfully carrying on a general mercantile establishment at this place. He is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Guernsey county, February 15, 1839, a son of William and Martha Elizabeth (Sarchet) Sights, the former born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, while the latter likewise claims Guernsey county as the place of her nativity. In the paternal line our subject comes from Scotch ancestry, his grandparents being David and Jane Sights, natives of Pennsylvania and Scotland, respectively, while the maternal grandparents were Thomas and Catherine (Marquard) Sarchet, born on the Isle of Guernsey. The parents of our subject were married in Ohio, where the father followed general farming until 1853, when he removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he was employed for a year, subsequent to which time he once more resumed farming in Lee county, that state, and there his death occurred in September, 1855, while his wife survived him for only one month, passing away in October of the same year.

Thomas Jefferson Sights, losing his parents at the early age of sixteen years, was thus early thrown upon his own responsibilities for a livelihood. He pursued his studies in an old log school-house in his native state, the educational system being quite as primitive as the building in which he pursued his studies.

He also attended school for a time after his arrival in Hancock county. Following the death of his parents he remained on the farm during the succeeding winter and the family then removed to Keokuk, while our subject came to Hancock county, where he secured employment as a farm hand by the month, remaining in the employ of Henry Blythe, of Durham township, for seven years. Being of an industrious and economical nature, and watchful of opportunities for advancement, he then rented a farm, on which he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1902. In the meantime, in 1880, having prospered in his undertakings, he purchased a tract of sixty-seven acres, which he conducted in connection with the property which he had leased. He later sold his land, and in 1902 retired from farming pursuits and removed to Disco, where, in connection with A. N. Davier, he purchased the mercantile enterprise formerly owned and operated by Curtis Payne, and he has since been engaged in mercantile pursuits, in which he is meeting with gratifying success. They have an up-to-date stock of goods to meet the tastes and fancies of the general public and it is owing largely to the business ability and sound judgment of Mr. Sights that their store ranks among the best commercial enterprises of the city or county. On the 10th of January, 1906, Mr. Sights was appointed postmaster and is proving a capable official in this regard.

On the 11th of April, 1867, Mr. Sights was united in marriage to Miss Irena E. Wills, whose birth occurred at Sardinia, near Cincinnati, Ohio. She is a daugh-

ter of William and Jane (Gilliland) Wills, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They located in Hancock county in 1854, where the father purchased a farm which he conducted until his death in 1901. His wife survived for only a few years, passing away in the present year. An only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sights died in infancy.

Mr. Sights gives his political support to the Republican party and has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs, having filled the office of assessor for one term. He holds membership with the Methodist Protestant church, in which he has served as trustee and treasurer. Mr. Sights is ever interested in any movement that tends to the advancement of his community and he and his wife are highly esteemed for their sterling worth and are numbered among the worthy citizens of the county.

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#### EDWARD ARGAST.

Edward Argast, who for many years has been a representative of business life in Nauvoo, where he is engaged in dealing in grapes and other fruits, making extensive shipments, was born in Kehl, Baden, Germany, June 18, 1834, and acquired a common-school education while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, John F. and Salamoer (Knecht) Argast, the former a native of Baden and the latter of Strasburg, France. The mother died in Germany in 1851, and



the father afterward came to America with his two sons but one daughter had died prior to the emigration, and Frederick John, who accompanied the father on the voyage, passed away in Nauvoo, Illinois, July 10, 1880. The sailing vessel on which they embarked dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans, after which John F. Argast and his sons made their way up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, where he worked at his trade of cabinet-making until 1854, when he came to Nauvoo. Here he established a wholesale store, which he conducted for about eighteen years, or until his life's labors were ended in death on the 4th of September, 1872. In this country he married Caroline Peters, a native of Baden. This marriage was celebrated in St. Louis, and Mrs. Argast passed away in that city in 1884.

Edward Argast began earning his own living in St. Louis, where he learned to be a cook. He was thus employed in that city, in New York and in New Orleans until the 7th of May, 1861, when he enlisted for three months' service with the Third Missouri United States Reserve Corps. With that command he did duty in St. Louis and all parts of Missouri under command of John C. Fremont, and also proceeded to Cairo, Illinois. He was mustered out in February, 1862, his first term having expired and later he re-enlisted at St. Louis with the boys in blue of Company F, Twenty-ninth Missouri Infantry. Following the organization of the regiment he went to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in the fall of 1862, and thence on to Vicksburg, participating in the first campaign there under General

Sherman. He participated in the battle of Chickasaw Bayou on the 29th of December where one-half of the regiment was lost. On the 1st of January, 1863, he went to Arkansas Post, participating in the engagement at that place on the 10th of January, at which time five thousand Confederates were taken prisoners. Eventually he returned to Vicksburg, where the regiment remained until the capitulation of the city, and he participated in the battle of Raymond, Champion Hills and Jackson and was present at the surrender of Vicksburg on the 4th of July, 1863. He afterward returned to Jackson, fighting in the battle there and then went back to Vicksburg, where the regiment remained for some time, later proceeding to Memphis, Tennessee. They were under Grant at the battle of Cherokee Station and proceeded on foot to Chattanooga. The Twenty-ninth Missouri participated in the memorable battle of Lookout Mountain "above the clouds," and afterward in the battle of Missionary Ridge, proceeding thence to Ringgold, Georgia, where another engagement occurred. They went into winter quarters at Woodville, Alabama, and on the 1st of May, 1864, started on the Atlanta campaign under Sherman, proceeding from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia, and participating in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain, the first battle of Atlanta on the 21st of May, and the second battle there on the 28th of May, 1864. The Union troops then besieged the city, and on the 1st of September made a victorious entrance therein. The Twenty-ninth Missouri afterward followed General Hood of the Confederate army to

Chattanooga and subsequently returned to Georgia, taking part in the Georgia campaign and the march to the sea. They were then mounted and did scout duty until arriving at Savannah, where Mr. Argast sustained a gunshot wound in the foot. This secured him a leave of absence for thirty days and he returned home, being sent from St. Louis to Cincinnati in the grand officers' hospital, as he was a lieutenant. He was afterward assigned to like duty at Columbus, Ohio, it being a part of his work to take drafted men to the front. When the war was over he was honorably discharged at Washington on the 22d of June, 1865, and sent thence to St. Louis, where he was mustered out. He was in the capitol city when President Lincoln was assassinated and saw him as he lay in state in the rotunda of the capitol.

Following his discharge Mr. Argast came to Nauvoo, on the 12th of July, 1865, and removing his family here, he purchased two lots and four acres of land in the city. In that year he had charge of his father's store, at the end of which time his father again purchased it. Later Mr. Argast conducted a saloon for twelve years on the flat, after which he removed his business to Main street, where he bought a lot and erected business blocks, covering one hundred feet front and two hundred feet in depth. He there conducted a saloon for about ten years, when he again sold out and removed to his present location on Thirteenth street a half block from the corner of Main street. He is now engaged in the grape and fruit business and makes extensive shipments of fruit.

Mr. Argast was married in St. Louis to Miss Margareta Sherer, a native of France, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sherer, who died of cholera in St. Louis in 1849. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Argast were born three sons and a daughter: Edward, of Nauvoo; Louis, a newspaper man of the same city; William, who is proprietor of the Nauvoo Rustler; and Cora, the wife of Joseph Welder, of Nauvoo. Mrs. Argast passed away December 4, 1902, and on the 25th of June, 1904, Mr. Argast was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Caroline Gablemann Kettman, the widow of Theodore Kettman, and a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Hall) Gableman. Mr. Argast is a republican and has served for two terms as alderman of the first ward and for many years as school director. He is a Mason, belonging to Reclamation lodge, No. 54, at Nauvoo, and holds membership in the Lutheran church. He proved his loyalty to his adopted country by his long years of faithful service in the Civil war and he has always been interested in those things which promote good citizenship and which work for the welfare of a democratic government.

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#### FRED PORTH.

Fred Porth, a representative of the farming and stock-raising interests of Appanoose township, was born within the borders of this township June 13,

1860, his parents being Fred and Dorothy (Florich) Porth, who were natives of Germany. In early manhood the father made his way to East St. Louis, Illinois, where he was married, and later he engaged in farming in St. Clair county, this state, where he owned land. He came to Sonora township following the expulsion of the Mormons and there rented a farm, while later he purchased land in Appanoose township, becoming owner of sixty acres which he subsequently sold. He then invested in eighty acres on section 34, which was improved, and he continued the work of further development and cultivation until 1893, when he sold that property, afterward living with his son Fred until his death, which occurred on the 1st of December, 1894. His widow still survives him and now resides in St. Louis. The family numbered eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom the subject of this review is the eighth.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Fred Porth in the days of his boyhood and youth. He attended the common schools, worked in the fields and enjoyed the pleasures of the playground as opportunity offered. He lived with his parents until twenty-three years of age and then, desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he began farming on his own account upon a tract of rented land, lying partly in Appanoose and partly in Sonora township. He afterward operated other farms in the two townships and for three years rented his father's place. Following his marriage he lived for two years on the old Webb

place and then again farmed the old homestead. One year previous, however, he had purchased eighty acres of land on section 30, Appanoose township, and when about twelve months had passed he took up his abode thereon. This was an improved property and he has since added forty acres on section 31. That tract, however, he sold five years later and then bought eighty acres adjoining his original purchase. His time was fully occupied with his farming and stock-raising interests, for he engages quite extensively in the raising of Durham cattle, Percheron horses and Poland China hogs. As he has had opportunity, resulting from his improved financial condition, he has made changes in the appearance of his farm through the erection of substantial buildings. He has remodeled the barn, making it forty by forty-four feet, and he also made an addition to the house. In 1902 he built a large barn forty by forty-four feet and he has since erected a commodious two-story residence, which is heated by furnace and is supplied with many of the conveniences known in city homes.

On the 13th of November, 1888, Mr. Porth was married to Miss Catherine Haas, a native of Nauvoo, where she acquired her education in the public schools. Her parents were Joseph and Catherine (Emerich) Haas. The father was born in Switzwald in the Black Forests, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Porth now have one child, Annie Marie, born March 20, 1895. In politics Mr. Porth is an independent democrat, supporting the party at national elections but at local elections he does not consider himself bound by

party ties. He served as township collector for one year but has never been ambitious in the sense of office seeking. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, Nauvoo camp. Having spent his entire life in this locality he is widely known and he has always lived as a farmer, and it has been his desire to become the owner of a good property that he might provide his family with the comforts of life. To this end he has worked steadily and persistently and the fact that he started out in life empty-handed and is now in possession of an excellent farm and goodly competence, entitles him to be classed with those who have just reason to be proud of the fact that they are known as self-made men.

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#### GEORGE LOCKE.

George Locke, deceased, was for many years one of the successful farmers of Hancock county and through his own efforts won the prosperity which enabled him in his later years to live retired. He was born in Indiana, November 7, 1831, a son of Thomas and Grazilla (Gardner) Locke, both of whom were natives of Ohio. During the boyhood days of their son George the parents removed to Michigan and there he resided until he attained his majority, when he came to Hancock county, Illinois, and purchased a farm in Fountain Green township, comprising two hundred and forty-six

acres of land. With characteristic energy he began the development and improvement of the fields and carried on his farm work with success for many years, or until 1893, when he retired from active business life and took up his abode in La Harpe, where he built a fine house, making it his place of residence until his death, which occurred on the 1st of October, 1902.

On the 6th of December, 1854, Mr. Locke was married to Elizabeth Webster, who was born in Cass county, Michigan, February 15, 1826. She attended the common schools of that state. Her parents were Amos and Susanna (Wright) Webster, the former a native of Rutland county, New York, and the latter of Ohio. The paternal grandfather was William Webster, of New York, and the maternal grandfather was William Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Webster removed to Fulton county about 1840 and there the father followed the occupation of farming. In the family were ten children, Mrs. Locke being the sixth in the family of five sons and five daughters. She gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Locke in Lewiston, Fulton county, where they lived for some years, subsequent to which time he became a farmer of McDonough county and was for a long period successfully connected with agricultural interests.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Locke were born five children: Thomas, born October 11, 1855, died April 6, 1883. Lowell G., born January 31, 1851, died October 16, 1860. Clara A., born May 8, 1861, is the wife of Dr. I. M. Martin, of La Harpe. Gary E., twin brother of Clara, died in July, 1862. George W., born

November 28, 1869, died August 31, 1895. He was instructor in penmanship in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and he was married November 28, 1894, to Pearl Creighton, of Peoria, Illinois. The eldest son, Thomas, was married June 8, 1876, to Annie Todd and had one child, Cleve, born November 1, 1881, and now attending school in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Locke was a member of the Christian church, in which he served as a deacon until his death. His political support was given to the Democratic party. His carefully directed labor was the secret of his business success whereby he advanced to a prominent position among the agriculturists of the county, becoming the owner of a valuable farm, from which he derived an income that was sufficient in his later years to enable him to live retired. Mrs. Locke still survives her husband and yet resides in the home which he built in La Harpe in 1893.

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#### AUGUST WATERMAN.

August Waterman, who at one time was actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Sonora township but is now living retired, although he still owns his farm of one hundred and four acres where he lives, is a native of Germany, his birth having occurred in Leppa, Detmoldt, September 19, 1837. His parents, Christian and Sophia (Kielsmayer) Waterman, were likewise natives of the fa-

therland, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits and spent his entire life. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Christian Waterman, while the maternal grandfather bore the name of Frederick Kielsmayer.

August Waterman acquired his education in Germany, completing the high school course there. He assisted his father to the age of fifteen years, when, thinking that other pursuits would be more congenial to him, he learned the baker's trade and emigrated to the new world, landing in Keokuk, Iowa, on the 24th of June, 1857. He crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans and thence made his way by boat up the Mississippi river to Keokuk. His brother Fred had preceded him to this country and was proprietor of a hotel in Keokuk, and August secured work in his hostelry, where he was employed for one year. He then made his way to Sonora township, Hancock county, where he was employed as a farm hand, working by the month until 1868, and in that year, having saved his earnings, he made purchase of a tract of land on section 24, Sonora township, comprising one hundred and four acres, a small portion of which had been cleared. He further improved the place, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation, fenced the place, built a house and barn, dug a well, and otherwise improved the place. He also set out fruit trees, from which he annually gathered good crops, and has since added to his fruit orchard, having now sixty apple trees, besides peach, plum and cherry trees, all of which are in bearing. In 1886 he re-

placed his first residence by a modern frame house, containing six rooms and having a cellar under the entire building. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits, and in addition to the cultivation of the fields he engaged to some extent in the raising of high grades of horses, cattle and hogs. His health became impaired, however, and in 1900 he laid aside all business pursuits and retired to private life.

On the 26th of February, 1865, Mr. Waterman chose a companion and help-mate for life's journey, Miss Susan Huber, a native of St. Clair county, Illinois, who was born July 24, 1841. Her parents resided for many years in Nauvoo, where the daughter pursued her studies in the public schools, and here the father and mother passed away, the latter dying in 1848. She was a daughter of Martin and Christina Huber, natives of Byer, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Waterman make their home with a niece, Louisa Waterman, the daughter of his brother William, who still makes his home in the fatherland.

Although starting out in life, at the early age of fifteen years and coming to a new country when still a young man, Mr. Waterman has allowed no difficulties or obstacles to deter him in his labor, and from an humble financial position worked his way up until he is now the possessor of a fine farm property, from which he derives a good income, so that he and his wife are able to spend the evening of their days in honorable retirement. He has always given his political support to the Democratic party, and has taken an active interest in the local ranks of

his party, having served for two terms as highway commissioner of his township and for three terms as school director. He holds membership relations with the Lutheran church at Nauvoo.

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### JAMES G. JOHNSON.

James G. Johnson, the inventor and manufacturer of Johnson's patent corn husker and a business man of energy and ability, whose success is attributable entirely to his well directed efforts, was born in Jefferson county, Kentucky, December 24, 1827. His parents, George and Eleanor (Guthrie) Johnson, were also natives of the same county, the former born December 15, 1779, and the latter January 21, 1802. In 1774, James Guthrie, the grandfather, built a large stone house on the Bardstown pike near Louisville, Kentucky, which stood as one of the landmarks of that section of the country until about 1896. It was known as the "house of entertainment," being practically a hostelry but more respectable than a "tavern," as no intoxicating liquors were there sold. It was there that many Catholic missionaries stopped on their way to Bardstown, being instructed in France by the priest to stop at the "stone house," where other priests would be sent to meet them, as it was regarded as a perfectly safe place. There James Guthrie made his home for many years and ran a daily stage coach to several adjoining places. In the conduct of his



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business affairs he became a very wealthy man and was one of the most prominent and influential residents of that section of the country. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a colonel in the Revolutionary war and became one of the pioneer residents of Kentucky, going there when the Indians still roamed through its forests, waging war upon the settlers until the district became known as "the dark and bloody ground."

George Johnson, father of James G. Johnson, was a blacksmith by trade and in 1831 removed from Kentucky to Adams county, Illinois, where he carried on blacksmithing, farming and the nursery business. He died in the year 1869, his wife surviving until April 10, 1887. He was a member of the Christian church and his wife of the Presbyterian church and when called to their final rest they were laid in a cemetery in Adams county, Illinois. In their family were nine children, of whom seven are now living: James G.; Parmelia, the wife of Thomas Bailey, of Camp Point, Illinois; Ephraim P., living in Holden, Missouri; Moses C., of Harrisville, Missouri; Henry C., of Idaho; Mary E., the wife of Edward Stephenson, of Ottawa, Kansas; and Urith Serepta A., the wife of William Hanna, of Golden, Illinois. Of this family Henry C. Johnson was a soldier of the Civil war for four years, enlisting in the Fiftieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He participated in the two battles of Corinth and in many other important engagements.

James G. Johnson was educated in the schools of Columbus, Illinois, first pursuing his studies in a little log cabin

which was without a floor and which stood on the bank of McGee's creek in Adams county, a mile and a half from Columbus. He worked upon his father's farm until he had attained his majority and in 1855 removed to Hancock county, purchasing an improved tract of land in Burham township, where he carried on general farming for nine years. He then removed to Elvaston, where he purchased a farm, making it his home for four years, when he took up his abode in Carthage and purchased an elegant home on North Main street. It is surrounded by a beautiful and well kept lawn and in addition to this property he owns good farm lands. In 1871 he invented what is known as Johnson's hand corn husker, upon which he took out a patent. Since that time he has manufactured this device in Carthage and its sale extends to all states in the Union. Its utility is universally recognized and it is regarded as the best invention of its kind on the market. Mr. Johnson has entire control of the trade and has enjoyed a good business in this way in the last twenty-five years. He is still engaged in the manufacture of the husker and sells to wholesale dealers. Moreover he possesses superior mechanical ingenuity, which is manifest in many ways in his home.

On the 24th of December, 1850, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Melvina J. Thomas, of Adams county, a daughter of Robert Thomas, who was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky. They traveled life's journey happily together for about thirty-four years and were then separated by the death of Mrs. Johnson on the 3d of December, 1884. Two children

of that marriage, born in Adams county, are living, namely: Ella R., who is an artist of considerable ability, is the wife of N. P. McKee, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and has two sons, William Thomas and Irwin J. The former married Jessie Walters and lived in Cleveland, Ohio, while Irwin wedded Cora Gibbins and with their daughter, Marjorie Maud, they reside in Halsted, Kansas. Alice G. Johnson is the wife of William L. Aaron, a practicing lawyer of Joplin, Missouri, and has three children, Lawrence J., Ella May and William.

On the 18th of November, 1886, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Minerva Hughes, who was born in Ursa, Adams county, Illinois, a daughter of Albert and Sarah Ann (Taylor) Hughes. Her father was a farmer by occupation. He attended the Christian church and both he and his wife were laid to rest in Adams county. Of their three children all are living, namely: Eliza J., who resides with Mrs. Johnson; and Robert C., living in Ursa.

In his religious faith Mr. Johnson is a Methodist and has served as elder and trustee of his church, while his wife belongs to the Christian church. He holds membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and in politics is a republican. He has served as alderman of Carthage and road supervisor of his township and is interested in all matters relating to public progress and substantial improvement. As proof of his ingenuity can be mentioned eight beautiful canes which he has made of small pieces of horn strung together upon an iron rod, and one of these is now in the Ma-

sonic temple of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He also has made many pairs of beautifully polished mounted horns which he has prepared himself and which adorn his walls in many rooms. He has made hat racks and chairs of the horns and these are articles of furniture of great value and beauty. He has moreover several cases of fine specimens of all kinds, including shells, coins, beads, wood, iron, ore specimens, minks, owls, squirrels, an armadilla, sea grasses and an elaborate collection of eggs of more than one hundred kinds. He likewise has a large collection of Indian flint arrows of all kinds. He has beautiful corals and polished stones and a large quantity of sea mosses from the Pacific coast, all of which are nicely arranged in cabinets with glass doors. He has traveled from ocean to ocean, has visited California two or three times and wherever he has gone he has gathered his specimens and his collection today is doubtless worth five thousand dollars. He has moreover a model in his yard of the first log house his father built when he came to Illinois. It stands in his front yard and was made by Mr. Johnson. A love of the beautiful has been one of his strong characteristics all through his life and this is manifest in his attractive home with its fine curiosity cabinets. Moreover his interest in all these things indicates his broad and comprehensive knowledge and he is indeed regarded as one of the best educated men in the county, a fact which is due not to any special educational advantages but to his broad reading and investigation during the leisure hours of a busy and active life. He is now seventy-nine years

of age, but is still an active and energetic man and moreover he commands unqualified esteem wherever he is known.

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#### WILLIAM F. BRADFIELD.

William F. Bradfield, secretary and treasurer of the firm of Coulson, Brundage & Company, hardware dealers of La Harpe, and also financially interested in other business affairs, although practically living retired from the active management of business interests, was born in Hardin county, Iowa, near Eldora, March 12, 1863. His paternal grandfather, James Bradfield, was a resident of Virginia and married a Miss Nichols. Their son, James N. Bradfield, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and having arrived at years of maturity was married in Ohio, April 12, 1853, to Miss Ada Wolfe, who was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and was a daughter of James and Sarah (Meredith) Wolfe, natives of the Buckeye state. After their marriage James N. Bradfield followed farming in Ohio for a year and in the fall of 1854 removed to Muscatine, Iowa. In Hardin county, that state, he purchased a farm whereon he resided until the fall of 1870, when he sold that property and came to Hancock county, Illinois. Here he invested in a tract of land in Durham township, whereon he resided for about twenty-one years, when in 1891 he sold out and went to Nebraska, making his home in the latter state until 1899. In

that year he went on a visit to the east and died there on the 4th of December of that year. He had for a number of years survived his wife, who passed away June 25, 1886. In their family were four children: James L.; William F.; Henry S., of this county; and Laura M., the wife of Clark H. Rice, of Hancock county.

William F. Bradfield pursued his early education in the district schools and afterward attended Abingdon College in Abingdon, Illinois. During the period of his boyhood and youth he made his home with his parents, who removed to Hancock county in September, 1870. He continued under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he went to Colorado, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for a year. He afterward returned to Hancock county and began farming on rented land. He was thus engaged for a few years, when with the capital he had acquired through his industry and perseverance he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Durham township, which he owned for four years, at the end of which time he sold that property and bought three hundred acres of the old homestead. There he took up his abode, making it his place of residence until February, 1904. He has since bought and sold property and now owns two hundred and forty acres of land all on section 12, Durham township. While giving his attention to farm work his close application and unabating energy enabled him to gather rich crops annually and to make his farm a profitable source of labor. He was also one of the organizers of the State Bank at La

Harpe and has been one of its stockholders and directors. He has also been a stockholder and director of the firm of Coulson, Brundage & Company since its incorporation in May, 1905, and is its secretary and treasurer. In 1904, retiring from his farm, he removed to La Harpe, where he has since resided and where he has bought residence property.

In February, 1885, Mr. Bradfield was united in marriage to Miss J. Margaret Schultz, who was born in Durham township and is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gillette) Schultz. By this marriage were born three sons, J. Sherman, Charles F. and Edward L. The wife and mother died October 10, 1898, and on the 30th of January, 1900, Mr. Bradfield wedded Catherine J. McManus, who was born near Carthage, Illinois. They had one child, Catherine M., who was born October 6, 1901, and died August 28, 1903. The mother passed away October 14, 1901, and on the 18th of June, 1905, Mr. Bradfield was again married, Clara W. Burr becoming his wife. She was born in Durham township and is a daughter of Jarvis N. and Joanna (Gilman) Burr.

Mr. Bradfield is a republican in his political views and has taken much interest in the questions of the day and in the growth and development of his party. He has frequently been a delegate to the conventions of his party but is without political aspiration for himself. It is true that his chief life work has been that of a successful farmer, but the range of his activities and the scope of his influence have reached far beyond this special field. He belongs to that class of

men who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than political and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal ends. He has displayed aptitude and ability in achieving results both in business life and in his connection with affairs of public importance.

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#### MATHEW GODDERTZ.

Mathew Goddertz, conducting the oldest harness establishment in Warsaw, was born in Sichlar, Prussia, Germany, February 2, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of that country. His parents, Edward E. and Anna C. (Quartz) Goddertz, left Germany in 1850 upon a sailing vessel, which was twenty-eight days in reaching the harbor of New York. They proceeded to Buffalo by rail and by way of the lakes to Chicago, thence by canal to Peru, Indiana, and over the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Warsaw. The father died soon after his arrival here. His mother died in September, 1879, at the age of sixty-four years. In the family were three children: Mathew; Mrs. William Leyhe, of Alton, Illinois, now deceased; and Catherine, the widow of Henry Hertzog.

At his father's death, Mr. Goddertz, then only ten years of age, began to earn his own living by working on the farm of A. J. Steffee, by whom he was employed two years. His mother then married John Leyhe and Mathew returned home,

living with his mother for about two years. Subsequently he was employed at general farm labor until about thirteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the trade of making harness and saddlery with the firm of Weir & Elliott. He continued with that firm for about sixteen months, when the partnership was dissolved and he went with Mr. Elliott, under whom he completed his trade and for whom he worked for eleven years, when he bought the business of his employer. He is continuing in the same line today and is now proprietor of the oldest established harness business in the county. With the exception of three years it has continuously been conducted in the same building, having been located here for fifty-two years. Mr. Goddertz carries a large line of harness and saddlery and makes goods of that class of the best grades. He finds a ready sale for his product and has long conducted a profitable business.

On the 18th of March, 1860, Mr. Goddertz married Rachel Beck, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Steiger) Beck. They became parents of three children: Catherine, who was the wife of James Cox, of Ottumwa, Iowa, died May 31, 1906, and is buried in Oakland cemetery, Warsaw, Illinois; Josephine, who became the wife of Harry Nealand, of Aspen, Colorado, and died in 1903, at the age of thirty-eight years; and Flora, the wife of F. B. Green, of Ottumwa, Iowa. Mrs. Goddertz passed away September 24, 1881, and on the 11th of December, 1889, Mr. Goddertz wedded Ella Peoples, a daughter of James and Mary Anna (Fox) Peoples.

Mr. Goddertz is a member of the Modern Woodmen, joining the order as a charter member of Warsaw camp, No. 240. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias and his wife is a member of the Christian church. He held the office of alderman for one term but has never sought nor desired political honors, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests, in which he has made creditable success. He may truly be called a self-made man and deserves all the praise that that term implies, for since the age of ten years he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources, and whatever success he has achieved has come to him as the reward of earnest, persistent labor and business integrity.

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#### GEORGE H. THOMPSON.

George H. Thompson, in whose business life each step has been carefully and thoughtfully made, is now conducting a dry goods and grocery store in La Harpe and his enterprise is one of the leading commercial interests of the town. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, January 16, 1860, and largely acquired his education in the public schools of that city while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Charles H. and Margaret (Hergesheimer) Thompson. His paternal grandfather, Edward Thompson, was also a native of Baltimore, Maryland, while the maternal grandfather, Charles Hergesheimer, was

a native of New Jersey. Charles H. Thompson, the father, was born in Baltimore in April, 1826, and is now deceased, while his wife, who was born in New Jersey in March, 1828, has also passed away.

When a youth of seventeen years George H. Thompson of this review became a resident of Livingston county, Illinois, and for three years worked on a farm. He then rented sixty-five acres of land and for one year engaged in farming on his own account. Feeling the need, however, of better educational privileges, he then went to Chicago and pursued a course of study in the Metropolitan Business College of that city. His education completed, he went to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he pre-empted a claim of one hundred and sixty acres of land, whereon he engaged in farming. After residing there for two years he was elected township clerk of New Hope township, Brown county, South Dakota, and held the office for four years. He was next elected township assessor and acted in that capacity for two terms of one year each. At the same time he filled the position of road commissioner and was then nominated as representative for the first session of the general assembly held in South Dakota. Before the election, however, he withdrew on account of private business interests and in his place was nominated J. W. Scattergood; who was elected. For a number of years he took an active and leading part in political affairs during the early epoch of statehood in South Dakota and was a man of influence in party ranks. He

lived upon his farm there for nine years and in April, 1893, went to Salem, Oregon, where he remained for about four months, spending his time in prospecting. On the expiration of that period he returned to Fairbury, Livingston county, Illinois, where he engaged in the grocery and queensware business. There he remained for three years, on the expiration of which period he sold out and entered the employ of the Peoria Packing and Provision Company as manager of its branch house at Forrest, Illinois. After a year he came to La Harpe in February, 1898, and bought the business of the Kern & Biggs Grocery Company. He afterward added a stock of dry goods and notions and at present is the owner of one of the largest business enterprises of the kind in La Harpe.

On the 16th of February, 1884, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Thompson and Miss Sarah A. Eyre, who was born January 24, 1859, in Sturgis, Michigan, and removed to Livingston county, Illinois, with her parents when about six years of age. Her father, George Eyre, was born in Lincolnshire, England, May 25, 1824, and died April 30, 1879. His wife, Alice Catton, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, April 20, 1825, died July 9, 1901. Mr. Eyre came to America about 1853, locating in Sturgis, Michigan, and after about eleven years spent in that state removed to Fairbury, Illinois, where both he and his wife resided until called to their final rest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thompson has been born a son, F. Boyd Thompson, who was born in Brown county, South Dakota, August 1, 1885. He was graduated from Git-

tings Seminary at La Harpe in 1903 and in September, 1904, entered Brown's Business College at Peoria, from which he was graduated in December, 1905. He afterward entered the employ of Parlin & Orrendorf, plow manufacturers of Canton, Illinois, as assistant time-keeper and paymaster, and in November, 1906, was promoted to sales department. He was married August 5, 1906, to Vinna Dickson, of Durham township, Hancock county, Illinois, where her father, J. E. Dickson, still resides, being a farmer of that township. Her mother, who was a Ballew, passed away several years ago.

Mr. Thompson is not only a leading representative of the business life of La Harpe but has also been prominently and actively connected with many interests of direct benefit to the community. He is president of the board of trustees of Gittings Seminary and also president of the executive committee. He is likewise president of the board of stewards of the Methodist Protestant church of La Harpe, of which he is an active and helpful member. He votes with the Republican party and is a representative of the Odd Fellows fraternity, belonging to the lodge, encampment and the Order of Rebekehahs.

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#### HON. JESSE C. WILLIAMS.

Hon. Jesse C. Williams is the oldest male resident of Carthage, having attained the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He is still hale and hearty, well preserved and as straight as an arrow.

He has long been widely and favorably known in this part of the state, having for many years carried on business as a general merchant, and at one time he represented his district in the state senate. His birth occurred in Richmond, Madison county, Kentucky, on the 22d of August, 1819, his parents being Richard and Catherine (Holder) Williams. The father was born in Fredericksburg, Culpeper county, Virginia, in 1786, and the mother was a native of Clark county, Kentucky, her birth occurring in 1797.

Mr. Williams's maternal grandfather, John Holder, and great-grandfather, Colonel Richard Callaway, joined Daniel Boone at Boone's fort on the Kentucky river, now in Madison county, in 1775. In July, 1776, Colonel Callaway's two daughters, Betsy and Fanny Callaway, and Jemima Boone were in a skiff on the river and were captured by a party of Indians, which was concealed on the river bank. They were pursued by Boone, Callaway and Mr. Callaway's son, Flanders. Henderson and Captain Holder were overtaken and the girls rescued by their friends and returned to the fort. On their return to the fort Henderson married Betsy Callaway and Flanders Callaway married Jemima Boone, having a double wedding, and were the ancestors of the numerous Callaway family of Missouri. Captain Holder and Fanny Callaway were married the next year, Boone's brother, a Baptist minister, officiating on both occasions.

Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers of Mr. Williams were soldiers of the Revolutionary war, also the great-

grandfather, who is known in history as Colonel Richard Calloway, of Virginia, who was prominent in the early development and settlement of Kentucky and who was a soldier in the frontier and Indian war under General Washington. The grandfather of Mrs. Jesse Williams in both the paternal and maternal line was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, one being John Collier and the other Joseph Graves. The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Williams were therefore eligible to membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution and are now connected with chapters of this organization.

Richard Williams learned the trade of a saddler and harness-maker in the city of Richmond, Virginia, and in 1808 removed to Richmond, Kentucky, where he followed his trade until 1828. He then settled on a farm twenty miles from Richmond, in Rockcastle county, Kentucky, where he remained for twenty years, when, in 1848, he removed to the county seat of that county and lived retired until his death. He was a warm admirer of Henry Clay and served several terms as a magistrate in his locality. His wife was of the Presbyterian faith. In their family were thirteen children, of whom five are yet living: Jesse, of this review; Virginia, who is seventy-three years of age and is the wife of James Wilson, of Monnett, Missouri; David, aged sixty-eight years, living in Mount Vernon, Kentucky; William H., seventy-four years of age, residing in Aztec, New Mexico; and Louisa, who is the widow of James Boulware, of Madison, Kentucky, and is sixty-five years of age. The father of this family died in January, 1878, and

their mother passed away in 1884, the remains of both being interred in the cemetery at Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

Jesse C. Williams acquired a limited education in the district schools of his native state and the next year after he put aside his text-books he left home and went south, and was engaged on the construction of one of the first railroads in that part of the country, the line extending between Atlanta and Chattanooga. It was over this road that General Joe Johnson made his celebrated retreat during the period of the Civil war. Returning to Kentucky Mr. Williams raised a crop of corn on his father's farm and for several years during the winter seasons engaged in teaching school. He afterward turned his attention to merchandising in Mount Vernon, Kentucky, and in 1857 he removed to Carthage, where he opened a general store, which he conducted continuously until about fourteen years ago, keeping a large line of general goods. He was first located on the south side of the public square, afterward removing to the west side and finally erected a business block on the north side, in which he continued until his retirement from mercantile life. He was energetic and diligent and as the result of his frugality, careful management and straightforward business dealings he acquired a very desirable competence, which now enables him to live retired.

On the 5th of March, 1850, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Mary Collier, who was born in Rockcastle, Kentucky, May 8, 1826, a daughter of John and Susan (Groves) Collier, both of whom were natives of Culpepper county,



Virginia, the former born July 4, 1782, and the latter December 15, 1787. Mr. Collier engaged in farming in Kentucky for many years and died in that state in 1833, at the age of fifty-one years, while his wife passed away at the age of sixty-three years. He was a soldier of the war of 1812. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. In their family were eleven children, seven of whom reached adult age, but for a long period Mrs. Williams has been the only surviving member of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Williams celebrated their golden wedding six years ago, having all of their children with them on this happy occasion. They have now traveled life's journey together as man and wife for fifty-six years, sharing with each other in the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which comes to each individual in a long lifetime. They had seven children, two of whom were born in Kentucky and five in Illinois. Of this number five are living: Oscar, who resides at Fort Stockton, Texas, married Sallie Wheat and has five children, Oscar, Mary E., Susan C., Clayton and Jesse C. William D. married Miss Jettie Pierson and lives at Fort Worth, Texas. Josiah J. resides in Kansas City, Missouri. Susan is at home. Jessie is the wife of Archibald Hart and lives in Nora Springs, Iowa. All of Mr. Williams's sons are prominent and successful lawyers. The eldest is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and of Bethany School. William D. is a graduate of Abingdon College and lived for a time in Austin, Texas, where he studied law prior to his removal to Fort Worth. Jo-

siah is a graduate of Carthage College, studying law with Judge Scofield, and located in Kansas City. Both of the daughters have taught school in Texas and both were teachers for a year in the public schools of Carthage. The younger daughter, Jessie, occupied for a number of years an editorial position with the Chapman Publishing Company, of Chicago.

Mr. Williams built his present pretty home in 1866 and has lived in it for forty years. It was first a farm but the land has since been divided and much of it has since been sold off in town lots. He began life in very humble financial circumstances but worked on persistently year after year until now in the evening of life he is surrounded by many comforts and has a very desirable competence. He is a Mason and he and his wife are zealous members of the Christian church, in which he has been elder and Sunday school superintendent. He and his wife take a most active and helpful part in the work of the church and his entire life proves the value of honesty as a factor in winning success and the respect of one's fellowmen. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and in 1870 he was elected state senator for Hancock and Adams counties, when he served for one term when he refused to again become a candidate. He has long been a strong temperance man and at all times he exercises his official prerogatives to support temperance principles. He has acted for several terms as alderman of Carthage and has been president of the council. His interest in community affairs has been of

a helpful character and in the evening of life he receives the veneration and respect which are accorded in recognition of ability, success, an honorable political career and devotion to those rules of conduct which are not only in conformity with a high standard of ethics, but also with the high and lofty principles of Christianity.

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#### FRANCIS MARION HARRIS.

Francis Marion Harris, numbered among the early settlers of Hancock county, so that his memory now forms a connecting link between the past and the present, and who is now residing in Augusta, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, December 7, 1834. His parents were John and Ruth (Aldridge) Harris. The father was born in Hawkins county, Tennessee, September 1, 1811, and at an early day removed to Indiana, where he engaged in farming. In 1847 he sold the farm and removed to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he purchased a tract of land, making his home thereon until about 1858, when he took up his abode in Augusta to become identified with its business interests as a dry goods and grain merchant. Later he gave his attention to the lumber trade, which he followed until 1868, when, having acquired a handsome competence that enabled him to live retired, he put aside further business cares and responsibilities and spent his remaining days in Au-

gusta in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He died November 15, 1873, in the faith of the Baptist church, of which he was a consistent member. His political views accorded with democratic principles and for some years he was a capable and efficient member of the town board of Augusta. His widow survived him for about twenty years and died in Bowen, Illinois, at the age of seventy-six, and was buried in Augusta cemetery by the side of her husband. She was born in Stokes county, North Carolina. By her marriage she became the mother of ten children, three of whom survive.

Francis Marion Harris acquired his education in the district schools of his native county and in his youth assisted his father in the farm labor, coming with the family to Illinois in 1847, when a youth of thirteen years. He farmed upon the old homestead in Schuyler county on his own account in early manhood, remaining there for two years, when he sold the property and came to Augusta, where he spent one summer. In 1859 he went to Colorado, attracted by the discovery of gold in that state, and devoted a year to mining, but not meeting with the success he had anticipated he returned to Augusta, where he has since continuously made his home. He has been following the trade of a carpenter and contractor here and has been closely associated with building operations, many of the substantial structures of the town and surrounding community standing as monuments to his skill and enterprise. He always lives up to the terms of his contract and has an unassailable business reputation.

Mr. Harris was married on the 2d of

November, 1856, to Miss Susan R. Dusher, who was born in Indiana and is a daughter of Jacob and Susan Dusher and a member of the Methodist church. She is a lady of many good traits of character, her life being formulated upon lines of conduct laid down by the church with which she is identified. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harris have been born ten children, six of whom are now living. Leona died in infancy; Fanny, the wife of William Cordell, a farmer residing near Industry, Illinois, by whom she has three daughters and a son, Susan, Collin, Ruth and Mabell; Luella, the wife of Samuel Young, a machinist of Kewanee, Illinois, by whom she has five children, Marie, Howard, Florence, Charles and Sarah; Ruth E., the wife of William H. Johnson, of Augusta; William R., a carpenter and wagon-maker of Lamar, Missouri, who married Ella Jeffries, of Colchester, Illinois; Francis M., a mechanic, who married Rosa Phillips, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and has one son, Lorenzo; Charles L., a carpenter residing in Lowell, Arizona, married to Miss Jessie Cox, of Mt. Sterling, Illinois; two daughters who died in infancy; and John, who also died in infancy.

Mr. Harris is a member of the Methodist church. He votes with the democracy and has served as police constable for Augusta. Throughout almost sixty years he has lived in this part of the state and has seen many changes in Hancock county as pioneer conditions have given way before the improvements of an advanced civilization. In matters of citizenship he is public-spirited and he has co-operated to the extent of his resources

in the movements and measures for the public good. At seventy-two years of age his penmanship was as regular and plain as print and looked as though it were copper-plate.

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### CARL BERTSCHI.

Carl Bertschi, the proprietor of a fine meat market in Niota, where he is conducting an excellent trade, was born in Appanoose township, July 26, 1860, a son of William and Elizabeth (Walte) Bertschi, natives of Switzerland.

Carl Bertschi was reared to farm life and acquired his education in the district schools near his father's home. He remained with his parents to the age of sixteen years, when he started out to make his own way in the world, going first to Wisconsin, where he was employed at farm labor during the summer months, while in the winter season he worked in the pine woods, being thus occupied for six years, and on the expiration of that period he returned to the old home place, where he remained for one year, subsequent to which time he went to Bond county, Illinois, where he was employed by the month as a farm hand for fourteen months, and then returned again to Hancock county, where he still followed that pursuit, and during the threshing season he, in connection with his brother, operated a threshing machine from 1882 until 1892. He also operated a thresher in Wisconsin and in Bond

county, Illinois. In this business the brothers were quite successful, their trade extending over a large territory in this section of the county.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Bertschi chose Miss Barbara Lutz, to whom he was married June 26, 1886. She was born in Franklin, Lee county, Iowa, October 10, 1867, a daughter of John and Eliza (Bertschi) Lutz, both natives of Switzerland. Following his marriage Mr. Bertschi lived for one year with his wife's mother, and then removed to the village of Niota, where he was employed at bridge-building for the Santa Fe Railroad Company for one year, and on the expiration of that period he went to Tyson creek and engaged in the manufacture of tile, but this business venture did not prove a success, and he then took up his abode on a farm in Appanoose township, where he was engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1893, when he left the farm and removed to Niota, where he invested in two lots and a business block, in which he opened a meat market and has since been engaged in carrying on this enterprise. He conducts the only market in Niota and has an excellent trade, which returns him a gratifying annual income. He handles only the best class of meats and does all his own butchering.

In his political views Mr. Bertschi advocates the principles of democracy and because of his ability and his interest in local affairs his fellow townsmen have called him to a number of offices, having served for one term as assessor, three terms as supervisor, one term as school director and is now serving his second

term as school trustee. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding membership in Lodge No. 222, at Nauvoo, and with Harrick lodge, No. 193, of Masons. Mr. Bertschi was elected sheriff of Hancock county November 6, 1906. Unto him and his wife have been born four children, of whom three survive: Caroline Amelia, who died at the age of one and one-half years; Lloyd, born March 3, 1889; Palmer E., born April 17, 1894; and Lona, December 1, 1903. He and his family are well known in Niota and the surrounding country, and the hospitality of their own home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

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#### EMIL J. BAXTER.

Emil J. Baxter is well known as a bee culturist and the business which he has conducted in this regard has become extensive and important. He carries on the work along modern scientific lines and in addition he engages in horticultural pursuits, while in other sections of the country he owns valuable landed interests. He is likewise the oldest director in point of continuous service of the State Bank of Nauvoo, and is regarded as one of the representative business men, his life of activity being crowned with success, while his commercial integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his career.

Mr. Baxter is a native of Newark, New Jersey, a son of Emil and Annette (Pow-

ell) Baxter, both natives of France, the former born in St. Quintin. The paternal grandparents were John and Marie Baxter, the former born in England of Scotch parentage, while the latter was of French birth. John Baxter served as commander of artillery at the battle of Waterloo under the Duke of Wellington and was given a medal in recognition of his able military service. So well pleased with France was he that he determined to remain in that country and there engaged in the manufacture of lace, the product of his factory being sent to New York city and sold by Robert Jaffray, who established the wholesale lace house of Jaffray & Sons, which is today one of the largest wholesale establishments of the western metropolis.

About the year 1845 Emil Baxter crossed the Atlantic to the new world and accepted a position with the firm of Hennequin & Company, large importers of laces, dry goods, etc., in New York, and also owners of a store in Paris, France. He continued with that house until 1856, when he removed to Nauvoo and became secretary of the Icarian community. A year later, however, he returned to Newark, New Jersey, and again accepted a position as bookkeeper but his health failed and he returned to Hancock county, purchasing eight acres in the heart of Nauvoo. He made a specialty of the raising of grapes and the manufacture of wine. The gentle slope of the Mississippi river bank affords splendid opportunity for grape culture and Mr. Baxter continued successfully in business until 1894, when he removed to Keokuk to live with his daughter, Mrs. Addie Kruskopf, the

widow of Ernest Krusdopf. There his death occurred in June, 1895. He is survived by his second wife and four sons and two daughters of the first marriage and one daughter of the second marriage. Mr. Baxter had been married on the 29th of July, 1852, at Meriden, Connecticut, to Miss Annette Powell, who was engaged in teaching in a seminary in that state. Her death occurred in July, 1863.

Emil J. Baxter, the eldest of the children, remained with his father until 1871 and attended the common schools of Nauvoo during the winter months until sixteen years of age. In 1871 he went to Little Rock and to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and planted one of the first vineyards ever set out in that state. Several months later he returned to Illinois and engaged in teaching school for one winter, after which he went to Chicago, where he continued in the study of law for one year with John Lyle King. He had previously studied law at Nauvoo under the direction of R. W. McKinney, and returning to Nauvoo, he engaged in teaching school through the winter seasons, while in the summer months his attention was devoted to horticultural pursuits and to the conduct of an apiary. He taught through thirteen winter terms of six months each and was regarded as one of the capable educators of this part of the state, his labors being effective in promoting the standard of education. In more recent years he has been making a specialty of bee culture, having from two hundred to three hundred hives on hand. He has also been especially interested in horticulture, which he has studied in all its phases, including the subject of the

insect enemies that attack fruit. He is a life member of the Missouri and the Illinois State Horticultural Societies and his knowledge concerning the best methods of cultivating fruit is now comprehensive and accurate, his decisions being largely considered authority throughout this part of the state. For many years he was the senior member of the firm of E. Baxter & Sons, his partners being Thomas P. and Cecil J. Baxter, to whom he sold out in 1901. He now owns ten acres in his home place in Nauvoo devoted to all kinds of fruit and he also keeps ninety colonies of bees at the home place. He likewise owns thirty acres additional within the city limits of Nauvoo, devoted to fruit raising, and he has a third interest in three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Hand county, South Dakota, and likewise owns one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman county, Kansas. He is one of the heavy stockholders of the State Bank of Nauvoo and is its oldest director in years of service, while at the present time he is chairman of the loan and discount committee and chairman of the examining board.

On the 21st of June, 1877, Mr. Baxter was married to Miss Eugenie S. Dadant, a daughter of Charles and Gabrielle (Parrisot) Dadant, natives of France. Their children are: Alice A., born August 26, 1880; E. Miles, January 13, 1885; Charles Bayard, February 17, 1887; and Florence G., January 21, 1890. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Baxter erected a fine modern residence, supplied with all city conveniences and heated with hot water and system for lighting by either gas or electricity was

installed. This is one of the attractive residences of Nauvoo, and its warm-hearted hospitality makes it a favorite resort with the many friends of the family.

Mr. Baxter is prominent politically and socially as well as in business circles. He is a stalwart democrat, and in 1880 served as supervisor of Nauvoo township, while for seven terms he has served as alderman of the city from the third ward and was again elected in the spring of 1906. He has served continuously since 1891 as a member of the school board in district No. 53, and he has been a member of the township high school board since 1900. His labors have been effective and far-reaching in his efforts to promote the intellectual progress and uphold the political status of his community and he has used practical methods in working toward the ideal. He belongs to Temple lodge, No. 222, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he became a charter member on its organization in April, 1888. He is also a member of the Rebekah lodge, and belongs to Puchechetuck camp, No. 7, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Keokuk. Also a charter member of Temple camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He also served for many years as representative to the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen but has withdrawn from that organization. His life has been a success. His entire career is illustrated by the fact that certain actions are followed by certain results. As a business man he has always been enterprising, and his labors have resulted in successful accomplishment. As a citizen he has displayed sagacity and

true patriotism and as a public official his actions have been above reproach or criticism. He stands today as a worthy representative of a high type of our American manhood.

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S. W. HECOX.

S. W. Hecox, engaged in the livery business in Carthage, was born in Adams county, Illinois, April 6, 1860, a son of R. C. and Mary (Lancaster) Hecox. The father, a native of Illinois, resided upon a farm in Adams county throughout the greater part of his life. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and in his fraternal relations he was a Mason. He married Miss Mary Lancaster, a native of Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom six are living, as follows: Rebecca, the wife of Henry Willard, of Bowen, Illinois; S. W., of this review; George, also living in Bowen; Anna, the wife of Stuart Woods, who resides near Bowen; Oscar, who is living in Golden, Adams county, Illinois; and Dr. Chalmer Hecox, of Golden. The mother passed away in 1877 and her remains were interred in Ebenezer cemetery. The father, however, is now living in Bowen.

S. W. Hecox was educated in the country schools of Bowen and remained with his father until of age. When a young man of twenty-five years he was married to Miss Lillian Parish on the

4th of October, 1885. She was also a native of Adams county and a daughter of Dr. Parish. Her mother died when the daughter was but six years of age and the father passed away in Oregon in 1904. He was a physician by profession and served as a Union soldier in the Civil war. Of their family of five children Mrs. Hecox is the youngest, the others being: William and Byron, who reside in Oregon; Reuben, who is living in Iowa; and Elizabeth, the wife of Clark Headley, of Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hecox resided upon a farm in Hancock county for three and a half years and afterward removed to a farm in Adams county, where they spent eleven and a half years, his attention being given to the development of the fields which were highly improved.

On the 6th of March, 1900, Mr. Hecox removed to Carthage and opened a livery stable, in which enterprise he was first associated with Sherman Lancaster, afterward with George Gardner and now with Dr. E. H. Herring. He conducts a general livery stable on Jackson street and also has funeral equipment, including hearse and carriages. He receives a liberal patronage owing to his earnest effort to please his customers and his reasonable prices.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hecox have been born two children: Veva Bernice, born in Adams county, June 15, 1891, and now a high school student; and Chalmer Roswell, who was born March 9, 1899. The parents are active members of the Christian church, doing much to promote its growth and development and are teachers in the Sunday-school. Mr.

Hecox belongs to the Odd Fellows society and the Modern Woodmen camp. He has served as road commissioner and as a member of the school board and is interested in all that pertains to public progress and improvement. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party and his church and political relations indicate much of the character of the man, showing that he is arrayed on the side of right, justice and truth. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished in a business way, for he has had no assistance but has depended upon his own labors and resources for advancement. In manner he is kind and jovial and is spoken of in terms of praise and friendship by all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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#### WYMAN T. WHITCOMB.

The Whitcomb family was established in America when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. Wyman Whitcomb, Sr., grandfather of our subject, was a school teacher by profession and was also a musician of considerable skill and reputation. His services were in frequent demand for political meetings, on which occasions he would play the fife and drum. He became one of the pioneer settlers of Adams county, Illinois, in 1833. He had a brother who was killed in Cuba in 1844, having been taken prisoner there and shot at the time of military uprisings.

Dwight Whitcomb, father of our subject, was born in Ohio, November 12, 1830, and passed the age of seventy-three years, departing this life January 21, 1904, his remains being interred in Powellton cemetery. He was but three years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Adams county and was a young man of twenty-one years when he located in Rock Creek township, Hancock county. His entire life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and thus he provided for his family, numbering wife and fifteen or sixteen children. Mrs. Whitcomb bore the maiden name of Mary H. Ellison, and is still living in Adrian. She was born December 29, 1836, and has therefore reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey. Of the family only five sons are now living, Wyman T., Farnum M., John D., James A. and Lewis M., all residents of Rock Creek township.

Wyman T. Whitcomb was born on the old farm home in Rock Creek township, December 21, 1856, and at the usual age entered the district school not far distant from his father's farm. After leaving home he began farming on his own account in his native township, where he has spent his entire life save for a period of seven years, which he passed in Colorado and Nebraska, undergoing many hardships and privations incident to frontier settlement there, so that he was glad to return to his native county. He now owns and operates seventy-nine acres of rich and arable land on section 5, Rock Creek township, whereon he has erected a good dwelling, barns and made



other substantial and modern improvements. In all of his farm work he is exceedingly practical and his labors are therefore the source of a goodly income.

On the 23d of March, 1879, Mr. Whitcomb was united in marriage to Miss Frances E. Hollingworth, who was born in Keokuk, Iowa, January 17, 1860, a daughter of G. W. and Ann (Slocum) Hollingworth, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. The father was a printer by trade and spent much of his life in Iowa, where both he and his wife died. She was a member of the Methodist church. In their family were two daughters and a son, namely: Mrs. Whitcomb; F. J. Hollingworth, who is living in Seattle, Washington; and Lottie, the wife of Ray Lewis, of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb have one child, Grover F., who was born in Phelps county, Nebraska, October 28, 1892, and is now a student in the Rock Creek township schools. Mrs. Whitcomb is also descended from ancestors who served in the Revolutionary war and her great-uncle, Samuel Slocum, was a soldier of the Civil war, while David Whitcomb, an uncle of our subject, was a member of an Illinois regiment in the same war.

Mr. Whitcomb exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy and has filled some local offices, such as road-boss, school director and township treasurer. He belongs to the Loyal American, an insurance company. Both he and his wife are kind-hearted, pleasant people, who occupy warm places in the esteem and friendship of those who know them.

### JOHN WELLNER.

John Wellner is a worthy and well known representative of horticultural and agricultural interests in Appanoose township. His life record began in Baden, Germany, May 14, 1849, but he was reared in Nauvoo, where he acquired a common school education. His parents, Michael and Catherine (Emerich) Wellner, were also natives of Germany, where the father learned and followed the miller's trade. In 1852, however, he came with his family to the United States, landing at New Orleans, where for four years he was employed in a wholesale sugar house. He then secured a position on a river packet, and in passing Nauvoo he was so well pleased with the town, its site, and its prospects that he resolved to make it his home and purchased here a house and lot. In the summer months he worked on boats on the river, and in the winter seasons was at home with his family. His death, however, occurred in New Orleans in 1859, and subsequently his widow became the wife of Joseph Haas, who died in 1900. She is still living in Nauvoo, at the advanced age of eighty years. She was Mr. Wellner's second wife. By a former marriage he had one son and three daughters, and by his second marriage he had two sons and two daughters. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Haas were born two sons and two daughters, and by a previous marriage Mr. Haas had three sons and a daughter.

John Wellner in his youth continued to make his home with his mother, but worked out by the month on farms in Ap-

panoose and Nauvoo townships until his marriage, which was celebrated in October, 1870, Miss Agnes Haas becoming his wife. She was a daughter of his step-father, Joseph Haas, and his first wife, Ferona Haas, who were natives of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wellner were born the following named: Lena, the wife of William Yager, of Nauvoo; Joseph, who died at the age of eight years; Katie, who was killed when a year and a half old; Charles, who died at the age of three years; Doretta, who died at the age of four years; Emma, Vallie, Agatha, Edwin and Vera, all at home. The three children, Joseph, Mary and Charles, all died of diphtheria within one week in 1888.

Following his marriage Mr. Wellner rented a farm in Appanoose township and lived on different farms until 1876, when he invested his savings in forty-eight acres of land in Nauvoo township. The same year he began building a house and just before its completion it was destroyed in a severe windstorm on the night of July 4. Mr. Wellner was away from home at the time. His wife, however, was in the house with her two children, and one infant, Katie, in her arms, was killed. One child escaped, while Mrs. Wellner was pinned down by the arm under some debris, being held there from 1:30 a. m. in the morning until 4 o'clock, when Mr. Wellner returned and released her. He then took his family to Nauvoo, but in the fall again built upon his farm. There were about eighteen acres of timber there, while the remainder was fit for cultivation and was largely devoted to the raising of grapes. There are

four acres of grapes and five acres of apples. His second house which he built was of brick and this he remodeled in 1900, making it an attractive home of eight rooms, heated by furnace with a cellar under the entire house. In 1891 he purchased eighty acres of land on section 31 in Appanoose township, which is devoted to farming and pasturage. As the years have gone by he has made many changes and improvements on the farm, developing a splendid property, from which he now annually harvests good crops of grain and of fruit. He belongs to the Catholic church and his political views are in accord with the principles of democracy.

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#### JOHN D. WHITCOMB.

John D. Whitcomb, a representative of the farming interests of Rock Creek township, who has owned and occupied this place for thirty years, has now a good tract of land of one hundred and twenty acres, and in addition to tilling the soil is raising stock. He is one of the native sons of the township, having been born September 6, 1861, upon the old homestead farm which was the property of his parents, Dwight and Mary H. (Ellison) Whitcomb. The father was a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, born in 1830, while the mother's birth occurred in England in 1837. In 1832 he became a resident of Adams county, Illinois, his parents removing to this state at that time,

and about 1853 he took up his abode in Hancock county, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising until his death. He passed away January 22, 1904, and his grave was made in Powellton cemetery. His widow still survives and is now living in Adrian. The father had one brother, David Whitcomb, who was a member of an Illinois regiment in the Civil war, and is now living in Adams county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Whitcomb were born fifteen children, of whom five yet survive: Wyman T., who is living in Rock Creek township and is represented elsewhere in this volume; Farnham, of the same township; John D., of this review; and James A. and Lewis M., who are also living in Rock Creek township.

Like the other members of the family, John D. Whitcomb was reared under the parental roof and the public schools of his native township afforded him his educational privileges. When not busy with his text-books he worked in the fields and remained with his parents, assisting in the labor of the home farm until twenty-eight years of age, when, in 1890, he was married and established a home of his own. The lady of his choice was Miss Mary L. Youngmeyer, who was born in Nauvoo in 1870, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sibert) Youngmeyer, the former a native of Prussia, Germany, and the latter of Virginia. They became early settlers of Hancock county, Illinois, and for many years Mr. Youngmeyer followed farming but passed away about five years ago. His widow, however, still lives in Rock Creek township. In their family were eight children, of

whom two are now deceased. The others are: John H., a resident of Oklahoma; Mary L., now Mrs. Whitcomb; Rosetta G., the wife of John Jacks, of Rock Creek township; Catherine, the wife of George Haislett, of East St. Louis, Illinois; Edward S., of Rock Creek township; and Arthur W., of Oklahoma.

Mr. Whitcomb received as a gift from his father eighty acres of land on section 14, Rock Creek township, and is now the owner of one hundred and twenty acres. He has lived upon this farm for twenty-four years and all of the improvements here are as a monument to his life of thrift, enterprise and diligence. His residence is an elegant country home, and were it not for the surrounding fields might well be regarded as a city dwelling, and in fact would grace any town in the county. He has also built good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock and has successfully carried on the work of tilling the soil and raising stock, but is now renting most of his land and is largely living retired, enjoying a rest which is truly merited because of his activity, enterprise and careful management in former years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb have been born six children, all natives of Rock Creek township, namely: Ethel May, who was born April 18, 1891, and is a student in the Carthage high school and is also studying music; David Joseph, who was born December 11, 1892, and died December 19, 1893; Willis, who was born December 11, 1895, and passed away July 9, 1896; Ruth Elizabeth, who was born June 22, 1897, and died January 17, 1904; Arthur Dwight, born July

7, 1903; and Ada Frances, March 19, 1906. The three deceased children were laid to rest in Powellton cemetery. Mrs. Whitcomb is a member of the Methodist church and Mr. Whitcomb affiliates with the Odd Fellows. His political support is given to the democracy, and for fifteen years he has served as school director, but has never been ambitious in the line of office holding. Both he and his wife are honest, respected people, whose life records characterized by much that is uplifting, are a credit to the county of their nativity. Their pretty home is attractively furnished and is the center of a cultured society circle, their many friends greatly enjoying its warm-hearted hospitality.

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#### WILLIAM WEBER.

William Weber resides on section 32, Appanoose township, where he has an excellent farm of one hundred and ninety acres. The greater part of this is under cultivation and the farm is well equipped with modern accessories and conveniences. Many fruit trees upon the place are a good source of income, while the well tilled fields annually bring forth golden harvests. It was upon section 32 that William Weber first opened his eyes to the light of day, on the 6th of January, 1853, and a district school education fitted him for life's practical and responsible duties. He is of Swiss lineage, his parents, Samuel and Rose (Bertschi) Weber, having been born,

reared and married in Switzerland. Hoping to enjoy better business opportunities in the new world, they sailed for America late in the '40s, and took up their abode in St. Louis, where they remained for about two years, Mr. Weber doing farm work. In 1850 he came to Nauvoo and his earnings, which had been carefully saved, were invested in forty acres of prairie land and twenty acres of timber in Appanoose township. Upon this place he located and began the further cultivation and development of a farm, making it his home until about 1886, when he sold that property and bought eighty acres in Sonora township. There he lived until his life's labors were ended in death on the 18th of October, 1893. His widow has since resided with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Cowles, of Fort Madison, Iowa, who is one of a family of five sons and six daughters.

William Weber, the sixth in order of birth in this family, remained under the parental roof until twenty-nine years of age and from his early youth gave material assistance in the work of the farm. At the age of twenty-two years he rented his father's land and continued its cultivation on his own account for seven years. He then married on the 1st of January, 1883, Miss Annie Rentschler, a native of Nauvoo, born April 12, 1852, and a daughter of John M. and Annie (Schneary) Rentschler, who were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. They made the voyage across the briny deep to New Orleans, and some time later became residents of Keokuk, Iowa. The father had learned and followed the milling business in his native country but

after coming to the new world he engaged in farming. He spent some time in Iowa and then removed to Nauvoo, purchasing a farm in Sonora township, upon which he and his wife spent their remaining days, her death occurring September 13, 1874, while he survived until May 20, 1888. As stated, their daughter Annie became the wife of William Weber, and one child has been born of this union, Archie Harry, whose natal day was October 8, 1883.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Weber lived upon her father's farm. Mr. Weber purchased the interest of the other heirs in this property and continued to cultivate the fields there until 1891, when he sold that place and bought one hundred and ninety acres of land situated on sections 28 and 32, Appanoose township. Of this twenty-five acres are covered with timber, while the remainder is improved land and the further work of cultivation and development has been carried forward by the present owner. The buildings all stand as monuments to his enterprise and thrift and include barns, a two-story frame house, corn cribs, and in fact everything necessary for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. He has recently erected a modern and commodious country home, which is tasteful in its arrangement and in its furnishings. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and he also gives considerable attention to the cultivation of fruit, having upon his place one hundred and fifty apple trees, fifty peach trees and also cherries and pears. He has made a close study of the best methods of caring for the fruit

and in his farm work he follows the rotation of crops and brings to bear modern scientific knowledge in the practical work of tilling the soil. A democrat in his political allegiance he has never been an aspirant for office and the only position of public trust he has ever held was that of school director, in which he served four years. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and are esteemed in the community as people of genuine worth who well merit a position of prominence in social circles.

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#### GEORGE M. BRANT.

George M. Brant, owning and operating one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 35, Sonora township, which is a portion of his father's estate, is a native son of this township, having here been born February 6, 1868, a son of Hezekiah and Isabella (Dick) Brant, the former born in Indiana, January 1, 1826, a son of John Brant, who was a soldier in the war of 1812, while the mother was a daughter of James Dick. The father of John Brant died when he was only five years old, and in his youth he learned the blacksmith's trade in his native state, and about 1853 removed to Hancock county, Illinois. His marriage to Miss Isabella Dick occurred in Vincennes, Indiana, in 1850, and after the years spent in that state, he took up his abode in Sonora township, this county, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty

acres of wild prairie land, which he improved, and on which he erected a house. From time to time he added to his landed possessions until at the time of his death he owned five hundred and sixty acres in Sonora township and four hundred and forty acres situated in Pawnee county, Nebraska. His death occurred November 29, 1904, while his wife passed away December 3, 1899, at the age of sixty-three years, her birth having occurred June 6, 1836. In the family of this worthy couple were six sons and two daughters, as follows: James D., of Sumner county, Kansas; H. W., a physician of Cardston, in the province of Alberta, Canada; C. M., a stockman of Hamilton, Illinois; Mina S., the wife of William Spence, of Hamilton; John M., a resident of Bushnell; Herman, residing on the home place; George M., of this review; and Jessie, the wife of George Ludington, also on the home place.

George M. Brant acquired his early education in the district schools and later pursued a course of study in an academy at Denmark, Iowa, and at Eureka (Illinois) College, subsequent to which time he pursued a business course in Gem City Business College at Quincy, from which he was graduated December 15, 1892. He remained at home until he had reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he was married, July 3, 1896, Miss Elizabeth Marguerite Schell becoming his wife. She is a native of Montebello township, this county, and is a daughter of Peter A. and Jennie (Le Clere) Schell, the former born in Germany, and the latter in Montebello township. Her paternal grandparents were Frank and Mar-

guerite Schell, while the maternal grandparents were Joseph and Elizabeth (An-slet) Le Clere, both natives of France.

Following his marriage George M. Brant took up his abode on a farm belonging to his father, and here remained until the latter's death, when the land was divided among his children, his son, George M., falling heir to a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, being the northwest quarter of section 35, Sonora township. Here he has since continued to reside, and has added many improvements to the place. When he first took possession of the farm there had been a little cottage erected thereon, but Mr. Brant has enlarged this, and has also put up a windmill, built corn cribs and other outbuildings, so that he now has a finely improved farm property. In addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he is also engaged in the raising of cattle, Percheron horses and Poland China hogs, and this branch of his business is proving very profitable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brant has been born a daughter, Golda Mary, whose birth occurred November 13, 1898. Mr. Brant is independent in politics, voting for the men whom he things best qualified for office regardless of party ties and affiliation. He holds membership in the Christian church at Golden Point, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order, holding membership with Black Hawk lodge, No. 238, at Hamilton. Having received a good business education in his youth, Mr. Brant is well qualified to carry on his private interests in a very successful manner. Although he came into possession of an excellent farm-

ing property through inheritance, he has, through industry and well directed labor, so managed his affairs that he is now numbered among the well-to-do and prosperous agriculturists of this section of the state, and both he and his wife enjoy the warm regard of a host of friends for they are well and favorably known throughout Hancock county, having here spent their entire lives.

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#### BURNETT SCHAFER.

Burnett Schafer is the owner of a good farm property of one hundred and twenty acres in Appanoose township. It was in this township that he was born on the 11th day of January, 1862, his parents being Marcus and Martha (Myers) Schafer, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany. The father was a son of Fabian Schafer, and the mother was a daughter of John Myers. In the year 1844 Marcus Schafer became a resident of Madison county, Illinois, and in St. Louis, Missouri, he wedded Miss Martha Myers. He had come to America with friends about 1845 and met her in St. Louis. In 1849 they removed to Nauvoo, and for a time Mr. Schafer engaged in teaming, but as he had opportunity to purchase a farm, owing to his industry and economy in former years, he made investment in forty acres of land on section 26, Appanoose township. He moved to this farm from Nauvoo, a distance of seven miles, a frame house

which he placed upon the farm, and when a home had thus been arranged for his family he resolutely undertook the task of clearing and cultivating his fields. He worked persistently and energetically and prospered as the years went by, so that in 1865 he was enabled to add one hundred and sixty acres on section 35, Appanoose township, to his holdings. Soon afterward, however, he sold eighty acres to his brother Vitus and later he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 31, Rock Creek township. He was closely and actively associated with farming interests for many years, and in 1890 he removed to Nauvoo, where he died February 13, 1894. Subsequent to this time his property was sold and the proceeds divided among his children. His wife passed away August 13, 1903. In their family were eleven children: Cassie, who became the wife of Christian Hotz, and died in Madison county, Illinois, in 1884; Mary, the wife of John Webber, of Mercer county, California; William, who is a traveling representative for a New York house; Annie, the second wife of Christian Hotz, of southern Minnesota; Henry, who is living in Fillmore county, Nebraska; Burnett; Minnie, the wife of S. G. McBride, of Pontoosuc township, this county; Emma, the wife of Philip Farren, of Henderson county, Illinois; Ferdinand, who died at the age of eleven years; John, who was accidentally shot and killed in Nauvoo in 1892; and George, who died when a year and a half old.

At the usual age Burnett Schafer began his education, attending first the district schools, and afterward Bailey's Busi-

ness College, at Keokuk, Iowa. He was a student there from the fall of 1876 until the spring of 1877, and again in the fall of 1880, being graduated March 1, 1881. He was thus well qualified by school training for life's practical duties and the responsibilities of a business career. He made his home with his parents until twenty-five years of age, when, thinking that he might enjoy better business opportunities in the newer west, he went to Kansas in 1882 and secured a homestead claim in Grove county, where he remained for six months. He did not prove up the property, however, but returned to Hancock county. When only a half year had passed, however, he once more went to Grove county, Kansas, where he had some cattle. There he remained for three months, when he sold his cattle and once more came to Hancock county, being employed on the home farm until the time of his marriage. Following his marriage he rented the home place until 1900, when he bought one hundred and twenty acres of that farm and has since engaged in the tilling of the soil and in the raising of French Norman draft horses. He also has other fine grades of stock and is known as one of the leading stock breeders and dealers of this part of the state. In 1885 he and his father imported two stallions and a mare, since which time he has bred all of the stock raised upon his place. He now owns three stallions, a jackass, and one American coach horse and also has valuable French draft horses. He has gained more than local reputation as a breeder of fine stock, and this branch of his business is to him a profitable source of revenue.

On the 27th of December, 1887, Mr. Schafer was married to Miss Minnie Marsh, who was born in Appanoose township, November 20, 1869, a daughter of James and Mildred (Lott) Marsh, the former a native of Clark county, Missouri, and the latter of Kentucky. They gave their daughter good educational privileges, and after attending the district schools she continued her education in Johnson's College, at Fort Madison, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schafer have been born six children: Genevieve, born November 6, 1888; Isabell, September 6, 1890; Marie, August 4, 1892; Verona, February 20, 1898; Eulalia, July 4, 1902; and Loretta, November 20, 1905, who died August 20, 1906. The family are communicants of the Catholic church, at Nauvoo, and in his fraternal relations Mr. Schafer is a Modern Woodman, belonging to the camp at Powellton, of which he has been past counsel since 1903. He was previously counsel for four years and is a worthy representative of that order. Prominent in the local ranks of the Democratic party, he has served as a member of the central committee, and in the spring of 1906 was elected on that ticket to the office of assessor.

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#### WILLIAM S. BEARD.

William S. Beard, whose residence in Hancock county dates from 1876, at



which time he located in Augusta, and who is now one of the extensive land-owners of Augusta township, where he makes his home in the village, was born in Vinton county, Ohio, September 17, 1854. His parents were A. L. and Emma (Plenkharp) Beard. The maternal grandparents, as the name indicates, were of Swiss birth and ancestry, and having married in Switzerland, they afterward came to America, crossing the Atlantic in one of the old-time sailing vessels.

A. L. Beard was born February 2, 1816, in Muskingum county, Ohio, and his wife's birth occurred in Hocking county, Ohio, November 8, 1822. She had eight brothers, all of whom were soldiers of the Civil war. Born and reared on a farm, A. L. Beard followed agricultural pursuits in his earlier life, but afterward became a manufacturer of pig iron in Ohio, owning and operating a smelting works in Hamden, that state. In 1870 he removed to Schuyler county, Illinois, where he was largely engaged in the live stock business. In 1880 he became a resident of Augusta, where he continued his operations as a live stock dealer. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and he has held various local offices of honor and trust, serving as supervisor of Schuyler county, and also in Augusta township. His life has been characterized by unremitting industry and close application in his business affairs, and although he started out empty-handed—a poor boy, having been left fatherless at an early age—he became one of the largest landowners of this part of the county and also owned

much land in the west. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the Methodist church and his life record proved that prosperity and honesty might go hand in hand. Of the ten children born of this worthy couple only three are living: Margaret A., the wife of Dr. George Wiles, a resident of Schuyler county, Illinois; William S., of this review; and Addie I. Beard, also of Augusta. The father died August 25, 1891, and was buried in the Huntsville cemetery, being laid by the side of his wife, who had passed away on the 19th of June, 1890. They were most worthy people, esteemed and honored by all who knew them because of their many excellent traits of character and their fidelity to their confessions as Christians. Mr. Beard certainly deserved much credit for what he accomplished and his life was a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish. A community is ever enriched by such an example and while winning success he at the same time bore an honored name. While prosperous, he was also generous, and his wife possessed many good traits of heart and mind that made her beloved by all.

William S. Beard, whose name introduces this review, supplemented his early education, acquired in the schools of Hamden, Ohio, by study in the public schools of Augusta, Illinois, and he remained with his father until he attained his majority. He took up his abode here in 1876 and became proprietor of a general store, continuing active in merchandising until 1886. The following year he was married and at once began farm-

ing and stock-raising in Augusta township, locating on land which he inherited and to which he added by purchase. He has been more than ordinarily successful in his farming and stock-raising operations and is now one of the largest landowners of the county. At one time his possessions aggregated eight hundred and fourteen acres and he still owns seven hundred and twenty-four acres, all of which is well improved and under cultivation. He resided upon his farm until 1895, when he again took up his abode in Augusta, but he still operates his land, employing help by the month, and is therefore one of the most prominent representatives of agricultural interests in Hancock county.

In May, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beard and Miss Cornelia C. Nicholson, of Plymouth, Illinois, who was born in Essex county, New York, October 9, 1855, a daughter of Homer and Mary A. (Parkell) Nicholson. Her parents were both natives of New York, where Mr. Nicholson engaged in farming until his removal to this county about 1857 or 1858. He settled in Hancock township upon a farm and devoted his remaining days to its improvement, never seeking or desiring office, although he gave a stalwart support to the principles of the Republican party. His wife held membership in the Presbyterian church and he contributed to its support, living a life in which he recognized small obligations and upheld high principles. His death occurred February 9, 1892, while his wife passed away October 20, 1880, and they were laid to rest in Plymouth cemetery. They had two daughters, the

sister of Mrs. Beard being Mary A. Nicholson, who became the wife of Oscar Padlock, and lived in Racine, Wisconsin, until her death on the 7th of October, 1905. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Beard has been born a son, Fred W., who was born in Augusta township, December 6, 1889, and will complete the course of the high school in Augusta with the class of 1907, after which it is intended that he shall enjoy the benefit of a college education. He is a member of the Augusta band, belongs to the Presbyterian church and is a son of whom the parents have every reason to be proud. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beard are devoted members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, contributing generously to its support. Mr. Beard is serving as a chairman on the building committee, which now has in charge the erection of a new house of worship. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party but he has never taken a very active part in its work. At the death of his parents he purchased their old home on Center street and the family are now pleasantly located in a good modern brick residence there. Mr. Beard is one in whom nature and culture have vied in making an interesting, entertaining gentleman. A man of large physique, he is warm-hearted, kindly in purpose and charitable in his opinions. He is also correct in his judgment and he believes in enjoying life to the full—such enjoyment as worked for the development of character. He is fond of music and possesses a good voice, so that he is always a valued addition to musical gatherings. Both he and his wife are very widely

known in this county and their friends are legion. His example is worthy of emulation in many respects and like his father his record proves that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

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### FRED M. WALTON.

Fred M. Walton, a farmer of Harmony township, was born in St. Mary's township, this county, July 20, 1869, the family having been established in this part of the state during the pioneer epoch in its history. His great-grandparents, William and Barbara Walton, were of Welsh and German descent respectively and became early residents of Kentucky, where their son, Frederick M. Walton, was born January 9, 1809. He married Emily Rice, also a native of Mason county, Kentucky, and in 1835 he came to Hancock county, Illinois, settling on section 3, Augusta township, where for many years he made his home, his death there occurring April 9, 1880. He secured large property interests, owning at one time over one thousand acres of land. In his younger days he was very active in public life and wielded a wide influence, filling many positions of public honor and trust in most creditable manner.

William C. Walton, father of Fred M. Walton, was born on section 27, Augusta township, Hancock county, August 15, 1844, and was married on the 14th of February, 1867, to Miss Mary

Clark, also a native of this county and a daughter of Andrew Jackson and Biddie M. (McCoy) Clark, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Walton became the parents of two sons and two daughters, of whom Fred is the eldest, the others being: Anna, a resident of Quincy, Illinois; Ettie, the wife of Frank Johnson, of Camp Point, Illinois; and Roy C., who with his sister Anna lives in Quincy.

In the Liberty district school Fred M. Walton acquired the education which prepared him for life's practical duties and through the assistance which he rendered his father in the days of his boyhood and youth he became familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He made his home with his parents until his marriage, which was celebrated September 14, 1892, the lady of his choice being Miss Eva Keyser, who was born in Carthage township June 8, 1872, and, after obtaining her preliminary education in the district school attended Kaboka (Missouri) College. She is a daughter of John H. and Eliza (Tolman) Keyser, the former a native of Page county, Virginia, and a son of Alexander and Nancy (Koontz) Keyser, of the Old Dominion, while the mother was born near Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio, a daughter of Osee and Elizabeth (Loman) Tolman, of Ohio. John Keyser, leaving his native state, removed to McDonough county, Illinois, settling in Hire township, where he was married and made his home until 1862, when he sold his property there and removed to Carthage township, Han-

cock county. He died in December, 1894, and his widow now resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

After his marriage Mr. Walton took up his abode on a farm belonging to his father about a half mile from the home place, where he lived until 1904, when he came into possession of ninety acres of the old homestead. His father improved this place, comprising two hundred acres, to which he added one hundred and sixty acres adjoining on the east. Fred Walton has ten acres of timber land, while the remainder of his farm is devoted to the cultivation of his crops or is used for pasture for his stock. He raises horses, cattle and hogs, and keeps good grades upon his place.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walton has been graced with a little daughter, Alma, born February 7, 1896. They are well known socially and have a host of warm friends. Fraternally Mr. Walton is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, also the Odd Fellows, while his political allegiance is given the Republican party.

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#### JAMES P. YEAGER.

James P. Yeager, owning and operating an extensive farm comprising five hundred and forty acres, situated in Fountain Green township, was born on the place which is yet his home, his natal day being August 1, 1845. His paternal grandfather bore the name of Nicholas Yeager, and was born in Virginia, while

his parents, James and Nancy (Hayden) Yeager, were natives of Washington county, Kentucky, where they were married, the father there engaging in farming pursuits until 1835, when he made his way by steamer up the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Keokuk, Iowa from which city he traveled overland to Fountain Green township, Hancock county, and entered one hundred and sixty acres of land, for which he paid the usual government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre. This tract was situated on section 8, and was all covered with timber when it came into his possession. He at once began the arduous task of clearing and developing the land, plowing his fields and planting his crops, and in due course of time gathered abundant harvests. He also erected a log house in which the family took up their abode and in which they lived for many years enduring all the hardships and privations of life on the frontier. The red men were still to be found here, while the Mormons were the principal white people who had located here. There were also many kinds of wild beasts roaming through the forests and over the prairies and wild game was to be had in abundance, so that the settlers could indulge in their love of the sport of hunting, and supply the family board with meats. Mr. Yeager possessed a determined and resolute spirit and allowed no obstacle to deter him in the acquirement of a competence, and thus year by year he carried on the work of the fields and from time to time added to his possessions as his financial resources permitted. After a few years he added another tract of one hundred and sixty acres

tuated on section 17, which, with the assistance of his sons, he cleared and developed, making it a finely improved property. Thus through many years the family bore the hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life, the nearest mills being located at Quincy and Nauvoo, where they had to go to secure bread-stuff. The father continued his residence here until his death, which occurred in October, 1880, when he had reached the age of seventy-two years. After his death the widow resided for a time on the home farm and then lived for ten years with her son, James P., but now makes her home with her son William, at Burlington, Iowa. She has now reached the extreme old age of ninety-one years, her birth having occurred in 1815, but she is still a hale and hearty old lady, possessing her physical powers and mental faculties to a remarkable degree.

James P. Yeager pursued his education in district school No. 93, near his father's home, and is the eighth in order of birth in a family of eight sons and six daughters, of whom ten still survive. He remained under the parental roof until his father's death, when he took possession of the homestead property and his mother lived with him for the succeeding ten years. Later he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm, coming into possession of all except twenty-three acres, which are owned by his brother William. He here continues the work of development and improvement which was carried on for many years by his father, and on the place is a commodious frame residence, which was erected by his father in 1855, to replace

the log house which was built upon the establishment of the family home here. Mr. Yeager has laid about eight hundred rods of tiling, so that the fields are well drained, and he has built barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock and thus has a finely improved tract of land.

Choosing as a companion and helpmate for life's journey, Mr. Yeager wedded Miss Alice F. Daily, a native of Fulton county, this state, who was born September 20, 1860, a daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Henry) Daily, natives of Ireland, whom he wedded on the 11th of January, 1886. The children born of this marriage are: Marie, born August 6, 1892; Earl, born March 15, 1894; Carl, born April 14, 1895; Roy, January 30, 1904; and Joseph Merlin, who was born February 8, 1906.

Mr. Yeager's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give hearty support to the Democratic party, while in religious faith he is a Catholic. He has ever been reliable and straightforward in his relations with his fellowmen and thereby has won the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact. Having spent his entire life in this county, covering a period of more than six decades, he is widely known and is today classed among the well-to-do and influential factors of this section of the state.

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#### CHARLES A. DOWNING.

Charles A. Downing, until recently actively connected with agricultural interests

and now living in Bowen, is a representative of a prominent family of Adams county. He was born in Adams county, Illinois, in 1861, and is a son of R. H. and Rebecca (Bennett) Downing. The family is noted for longevity, as the grandfather and grandmother of our subject reached a very advanced age and they had several children that lived to be over ninety years of age. The father was born in Indiana in 1827, while the mother's birth occurred in Indiana in 1832. R. H. Downing was a farmer by occupation and was only ten years of age when he became a resident of Illinois, his remaining days being spent in Adams county. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, he being elected to the legislature on the republican ticket. He had a brother who was elected on the democratic ticket to the Illinois legislature. In public affairs R. H. Downing was very prominent and influential and he was also successful in his business life. He won a place of prominence in the community where he resided and was esteemed and honored by all who knew him. His death occurred in 1897 and he is still survived by his wife, who is living in Golden, this state. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and lived upright, consistent lives. In their family were eleven children, of whom nine are yet living: John R., and W. O., residents of York county, Nebraska; Nannie E., the wife of L. A. Smith, of Adams county, Illinois; Charles A., of this review; Mary E., wife of A. O. Wallace, of Adams county, Illinois; Florence, who is living with her aged and invalid mother; Laura, the wife of D. W.

Whitford, of Adams county; Cora, at home; and Warren W. R., who is living upon the old homestead in Adams county.

Charles A. Downing began his education in the district schools near his father's home and pursued his studies there until twenty-one years of age. When twenty-five years of age he was married to Miss Fannie C. Whitford, who was born in Adams county, 1865, a daughter of Henry S. and Myra (Clark) Whitford, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of New York. Mr. Whitford was a tailor by trade and on removing to the west settled upon a farm in Adams county, Illinois. He eventually became quite wealthy through the careful conduct of his business affairs, his enterprise and unremitting diligence. He was married three times and by his first wife, who bore the maiden name of James, had one child, Mary C., living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His second wife was Mary Downing, an aunt of our subject, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom four are now living: James, a resident of Missouri; Lydia, the wife of Abner Peden, of Missouri; E. C.; and John, also of that state. Following the death of his second wife Mr. Whitford wedded Miss Myra Clark, and they had five children, namely: Henry R., who is living in Adams county; Alice, the wife of J. S. Wallace, of Wichita, Kansas; Dora A., wife of W. G. Stafler, of Adams county; Fannie G., now Mrs. Downing; and D. W., who is living in Adams county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitford have passed away.

For a year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Downing lived in Adams

county, and in 1887 removed to Hancock county, residing for several years in Augusta township upon a rented farm. Later he purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land on section 19, Augusta township, which was improved. To this he added from time to time and he now has eighty acres in Augusta township on section 19, and one hundred and sixty acres on section 36, Chili township. In 1903, he built an elegant home, modern in every respect. It is the most attractive residence in Bowen and stands in Nash's addition to the town. He has also otherwise improved the property, which is a valuable piece of real estate. While upon the farm Mr. Downing carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising but his health caused him to retire to private life in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Downing has been born a daughter, Helen R., who was born in Augusta township, Hancock county, in 1899, and is now a student in the public schools of Bowen. The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In the work of the church they are deeply and actively interested and they have done much to advance its growth and promote its upbuilding. Mr. Downing has always been industrious and upright and by reason of his laudable ambition and good judgment, combined with his straightforward dealings he has gained a goodly measure of success, which, together with his wife's inheritance makes them comfortably situated in life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Downing are very prominent socially, being recognized leaders of society in Bowen and this part of the county,

while their own beautiful and attractive home is noted for its gracious and warm-hearted hospitality, which is freely extended to their many friends.

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#### FRANCIS M. HUFF.

Francis M. Huff, who holds extensive landed interests and successfully carries on farming in St. Mary's township, is a son of William A. and Betsey Ann (Teaney) Huff. He was born April 13, 1846, in Brooklet township, Schuyler county, Illinois. His father, a native of Guilford county, North Carolina, was born in 1808, while the mother's birth occurred in Virginia in 1812. She went from the Old Dominion to Tennessee when a very small girl. William A. Huff, a farmer by occupation, removed from the south to Schuyler county, Illinois, in 1836. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church and after coming to this state remained residents thereof until called to their final rest. His death occurred in 1869, while his wife passed away in 1903, and was buried in Scott's church cemetery in McDonough county. In their family were eight children: Mary E., the wife of E. David Clampett, of Kansas; Amanda C., the wife of T. P. Lionberger, of McDonough county; Maria, the wife of Thomas Fisher, of Creston, Iowa; Francis, of this review; George, who is living on the old home place in Schuyler county; Homer, a resident of St. Mary's township; Perry, of

Schuyler county; and Eliza, the wife of Wisdom Welborn, of McDonough county.

Francis M. Huff was a student in the Guineau school of Brooklyn township, Schuyler county, until seventeen years of age, when he obtained his father's permission for his enlistment in the Civil war and went to the front as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served for two years, participating in the battles of Vicksburg, Jackson and Spanish Fort. He was at Mobile for thirteen days and the siege of Spanish Fort was his last active military service. When the war was over, although still in his teens, he returned home with a most creditable record as a soldier. He then engaged in farming for two years near Carthage, Illinois.

In 1873 Mr. Huff was united in marriage to Miss Annette Melvin, who was born in Henderson county, Illinois, December 8, 1850, a daughter of Milton and Elizabeth (Beaver) Melvin, who were natives of Tennessee and came with their respective parents to Illinois, settling in Henderson county. Mrs. Huff was left an orphan when only three years of age and was the elder of two children, her brother being Milton Melvin, of Henderson county, Illinois. Following his marriage Mr. Huff purchased a farm in Augusta township, where he resided for fifteen years and then came to St. Mary's township, purchasing two hundred acres of land on section 36. He has since added to the property from time to time until he now owns seven hundred and twenty acres, the greater part of which is in St. Mary's township, although

one hundred and sixty acres lies in Augusta township. He has since greatly improved the property by adding the modern accessories of a model farm and his time and energies are given to the cultivation of the fields and the raising of stock. He raises and ships his own cattle and does quite an extensive business in this particular. He is one who has through his economy and enterprise made a creditable place in the business world and secured valuable property interests as the reward of his labor. He started out in life with only two horses and a wagon but today owns hundreds of acres of land.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huff have been born seven children, who are yet living: Sidney E., of Augusta, who is married and has two children, Roscoe and Newell; George M., of Augusta township, who is married and has two children, Clyde and Clare; William, of St. Mary's township, who has two children, Frances and Pearl; Arthur, who is living in Augusta township and has one child, Glen; Blanche, the wife of George Monk, of St. Mary's township; Claude and Leora, both at home. They also lost one daughter, Clara Belle, who was their third child. She died November 3, 1896, at the age of seventeen years and was laid to rest in Plymouth cemetery. She belonged to the Christian church and was a most estimable young lady, esteemed by many friends and loved in her own home where her loss was most deeply felt.

In politics Mr. Huff is a republican and has served as school director for many years but is not an incumbent in office at the present time. His wife is a mem-



ber of the Christian church and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades who wore the blue upon the battle-fields of the south. The home of this worthy couple indicate refinement and comfort, and is all the more attractive from the fact that the residence and all that it contains represent the life of activity and enterprise of the owner, who has been a most energetic and therefore most successful business man.

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#### HENRY THORNBUR.

Henry Thornber, deceased, was a self-made man, deserving of all the praise that the term implies, for when but a young lad he was forced to start out in life for himself. He fought its battles unaided and came off victorious in the strife. A native of Lancashire, England, he was born in the town of Downing, in 1816, a son of Richard and Hannah (Lord) Thornber. When a young man of twenty-nine years he crossed the Atlantic and settled in Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1842. Before leaving his native country he had learned the shoemaker's trade and had followed that in connection with farming. Aside from two trips which he made to his native country, one covering two years, and the other six months, he resided continuously in Hancock county, after first crossing the Atlantic and devoted the greater part of the time to farming in Rock Creek township. He was

very prosperous and owned at the time of his death twelve hundred acres of land, his possessions being scarcely equalled by that of any resident of his part of the county. He transferred raw prairie land into richly productive fields and made all of the improvements upon the farm including the erection of a commodious and comfortable residence. In all that he did he was eminently practical and accomplished results that were indicative of his business enterprise, unfaltering diligence and executive skill.

In 1846, Mr. Thornber was married to Miss Lucy Ellison, who was born in Yorkshire, England, and died in 1865. Of the eight children of that marriage five are still living, namely: David R., a resident of Montana; Mary A., the wife of Isaac Siegfried, of Rock Creek township; John, who is living in Sonora township near the old homestead; William Henry, of the same township; and James M., who is a physician by profession but is now engaged in the printing business in Fort Madison, Iowa. In 1868, Mr. Thornber was again married, his second union being with Margaret Pilkington, who was born in Bolton La Moors, Lancashire, England, in 1837, a daughter of Adam and Jane (Garside) Pilkington, who were also natives of Bolton La Moors. The father came to America in 1842 and the mother in 1844, settling in Hancock county. They were well known as farming people of Sonora township but ere his emigration to the United States Mr. Pilkington had been employed as a bleacher in his native country. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and both he and his wife were members of

the Church of England, while in their native land, and before coming to America became identified with the church of the Latter Day Saints. The death of Mr. Pilkington occurred in 1856, and his wife survived until 1880, when she was laid by his side in Sonora township. They had six children but only three are now living: Mrs. Thornber; Alice, the wife of William Lambert, of Rock Creek township; and Mary, the wife of William Weber, of Prairie township.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thornber was born one son, Amos Joseph, whose birth occurred in Rock Creek township in 1869, and he is now a successful practicing physician at Burlington, Iowa. He married Catherine Reiter, who died in 1898 leaving two children, Gladys and Geraldine, and for his second wife he married Miss Anna Shank. Although devoting his energies to the practice of medicine he is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good farm land in Rock Creek township.

Mr. Thornber continued actively in farm work until his life's labors were ended in death on the 17th of February, 1887. He was a member of the church of the Latter Day Saints, and in England had been identified with the Odd Fellows society. Starting out in life with a few advantages he became imbued with the laudable ambition to attain something better and steadily advanced in those walks of life demanding business ability and fidelity. He became one of the largest landowners of his township, making judicious investments, while at all times his business career was characterized by unquestioned probity. He passed away

February 17, 1887, honored and respected by all who knew him and such a life record as his should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what may be accomplished through industry and perseverance—qualities that may be cultivated by all. Mrs. Thornber continued to reside upon the home farm until 1901, when she purchased a beautiful residence on Maple street in Ferris. She is there residing together with her niece and grandson, David McCollom, whom she has reared to the age of eighteen years. Mrs. Thornber is a member of the Methodist Protestant church. Mr. Thornber was a republican in politics but though he held several offices did not seek prominence along that line, being content to devote his time and energies to his business, in which he met with signal success.

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#### ANDREW J. HARRIS.

Andrew J. Harris has spent his entire life in La Harpe township, Hancock county, his birth having here occurred January 8, 1854, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, so that he has through long years been interested in the agricultural development and progress of this portion of the state. He is a son of Isaac and Marthina (Atwater) Harris, both of whom were born in Tennessee. His paternal grandparents, Reuben and Allie (Wolf) Harris, were likewise natives of Tennessee, while the maternal grandpar-

ents, Joseph and Rachel (Duncan) Atwater were natives of Connecticut and Tennessee respectively. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents became early settlers of this state, having removed from the south to Schuyler county in 1833, and after a year Reuben Harris, removed to McDonough county, where he entered government land, which he cleared and improved and on which he resided until his death. Joseph Atwater likewise removed to McDonough county, and it was in this county that his daughter, Marthina, gave her hand in marriage to Isaac, the son of Reuben Harris, the wedding ceremony being performed November 22, 1840. The father of our subject participated in the Mormon war of 1844, which resulted in the expulsion of that religious sect from this part of the state. Following his marriage Isaac Harris took up his abode in McDonough county, but in 1843 removed with his family to La Harpe township, Hancock county, where he purchased a farm of forty acres, to which he added from time to time until he came into possession of one hundred and eleven acres all lying on section 36. This was all covered with timber when he made the purchase but with characteristic energy he at once undertook the task of clearing the land and preparing it for the plow, which in course of time he accomplished, and from which he gathered abundant crops, so that at his death, which occurred April 14, 1900, he left to his family a valuable estate. He was born February 12, 1822, and therefore at the time of his death had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years, while his wife, who was born May 5,

1824, passed away February 6, 1866, at the comparatively early age of forty-two years. In their family were twelve children but only five are living. The record is as follows: John, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Campbell, who died when three years old; Durinda, the wife of James Brown, a resident of Missouri; Andrew J., of this review; Reuben, who died when two years of age; Martha, who died at the age of nine months; Rachel, who became the wife of George Carter, of La Harpe township, and passed away at the early age of eighteen years; James, who resides on the old homestead; Allie E., the wife of Warren Addison, of Trenton, Missouri; Martina Jane, the wife of William Faylor, of Canton, Illinois; Marthina, who became the wife of Joseph Fry, and passed away June 3, 1892; and Matilda, who was born March 18, 1864, and died February 14, 1881.

Andrew J. Harris acquired a district-school education, and remained with his parents, assisting his father in the operation of the family homestead until the latter's death, when he bought the interest of the other heirs in the home place and is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising, having good grades of horses, cattle and hogs upon his farm. He has made many modern improvements upon the farm, having built an addition to the house, making it a fine country home, and he has also built fences, and otherwise added to the attractive appearance of the place, so that it is today a model farm property.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Harris chose Miss Alice Severns, to whom he was married Sep-

tember 25, 1873. Her birth occurred in Schuyler county, this state, July 5, 1854, and she acquired her education in the schools of Astoria. She is a daughter of James and Nancy (Ogle) Severns, natives of Coshocton county, Ohio, while her paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary (Buteer) Severns, and her maternal grandparents bore the names of Mordecai and Elizabeth (Yarington) Ogle. They located in Fulton county, Illinois, in 1837, where Mr. Ogle conducted a sawmill until his death, which occurred December 24, 1840. James Severn, Mrs. Harris's father, was a carpenter and died in Astoria, July 29, 1897. Her mother still survives and now makes her home in Astoria.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Harris are four sons and a daughter: James Edward, who was born July 28, 1874, and makes his home in La Harpe township; Isaac Elmer, born October 31, 1875, and is at home; William Lloyd Harris, born December 28, 1877, married and lives in La Harpe; Zada May, who was born April 1, 1884, and is now the wife of Samuel Flickinger, and resides at Middletown, this state; and Ralph S., whose birth occurred December 31, 1893, and is at home.

Politically Mr. Harris is a democrat and served as school director for twelve years. He possesses the enterprising spirit which has proved an essential element in the upbuilding of this portion of the state and by his reliable and straightforward dealing in all transactions has gained the esteem and good will of all with whom he has come in contact, in social or business life.

#### BLAIR KELLY, M. D.

Dr. Blair Kelly, engaged in the general practice of medicine in the village of Ferris, is a native of Hancock county, having been born in Dallas township, February 28, 1876. He is a son of Allison G. and Fanny (Ballinger) Kelly, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Kentucky. The father came to Illinois in 1854 and located in Hancock county, devoting his time and energies to farming in Pontoosuc township, where he rented land for some years, or until his earnings justified his purchase of a farm in Dallas township, where he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits during his active life. He is now living retired at the age of seventy years. His wife passed away in 1887 at the age of forty-five years, leaving four children, all of whom still survive.

Dr. Kelly acquired his early education in the common schools of his native township, and afterward continued his studies in Bushnell, Illinois, and Carthage College. His literary course completed he then took up the study of medicine, entering the Keokuk Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1902. He located for practice at Clio, Iowa, where he remained for two years and then returned to Hancock county, establishing his office in Ferris, where he has since engaged in active practice. He has also pursued a post-graduate course in the Chicago Polyclinic. He has a general practice, which is constantly increasing in volume and importance, and which might well be envied by many an older practitioner. Thoroughly

conversant with the most modern methods known to the members of the medical and surgical profession he has brought to bear in his work not only broad scientific knowledge but also that practical common sense which is an indispensable concomitant of the successful physician, and the results which have followed his labors have been satisfactory, gaining for him the trust and confidence of the public at large and his professional brethren as well.

Dr. Kelly is a member of the Christian church and is a democrat in politics. He has never sought or desired office outside the strict path of his profession but at the present writing is serving as village physician of Ferris and as health officer. He is making substantial progress for one of his years and the future undoubtedly holds in store for him still greater successes.

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#### JOHN W. GRANT.

John W. Grant, the proprietor of the Grant Hotel at Warsaw, is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this part of the state. He was born August 5, 1849, in a log cabin, which was the home of his parents, Harrison and Emily (Eason) Grant. The paternal great-great-grandfather came from Scotland and settled in Virginia, whence later representatives of the family went to Kentucky. The great-grandfather, Noah Grant, was with Washington throughout the Revolutionary war and had a long and interesting military career. He was also a slaveholder and became one of the

pioneer settlers of Hartford, Kentucky. Noah Grant was the grandfather of General U. S. Grant, the latter being a second cousin of our subject. The father was born in Bullet county, Kentucky, December 16, 1822, and came to Hancock county in the fall of 1848, after his marriage to Emily Eason. About a year later he bought twenty acres of land for a dollar and a half per acre and paid for the same by cutting rails at thirty-seven and a half cents per hundred, during which time he boarded himself. With the little twenty-acre tract as the nucleus of a farm he kept adding to his property from time to time until he had two hundred acres of good land in the old homestead, and was also the owner of one hundred acres in Arkansas. He likewise carried on general agricultural pursuits and continued to reside upon the home farm in Hancock county save for the period between the years of 1890 and 1895, when he lived on his farm in the south. He then returned to Warsaw and made his home with his son in the hotel until his death, which occurred on the 7th of November, 1895. He had long survived his wife, who died upon the old homestead, January 1, 1865, when thirty-eight years of age. She was the mother of eight children: William A., now living in Arkansas; John W., of this review; Henry Washington, of Lorain, Illinois; Mary E., deceased; Martha Ann, the deceased wife of Peter Sult; and Emily Ellen, the wife of William McIntyre, of Arkansas. After losing his first wife the father married Rebecca Iles, by whom he had a daughter, Mrs. Anna Mueller, now of Crawford county,

Kansas. His third wife was Rebecca Whitledge, and for his fourth wife he chose Agnes Boggs.

Harrison Grant made many improvements upon his farm. He lived first in a log cabin which had been built by the Mormons and later he built and occupied a hewed log house, which continued to be his home as long as he remained upon the farm. He experienced all the hardships and difficulties incident to pioneer life and aided in laying the foundation for the present development and progress of the county by performing the arduous tasks connected with early development. Politically he was a democrat in early life, at one time gave his support to the Know Nothing party, and in 1864 became a supporter of Abraham Lincoln, after which he continued to vote with the Republican party until his demise.

John W. Grant was reared on his father's farm and assisted in the onerous work of the fields. In February, 1869, in company with his two brothers, he went to Kansas and took up pre-emption claim, remaining in the Sunflower state for four years and in Cedarville he built the first dwellings. That was an entirely new country and he had many exciting adventures with the Indians, at one time he and about twenty comrades being surrounded by five hundred red men. They finally, however, succeeded in making their escape without recourse to the force of arms but on other occasions Mr. Grant has had fights with the red-skins, in which several men have been killed. After four years' experience on the frontier he returned to the old homestead and continued to engage actively and successfully in farming

until his health became impaired and he removed to Warsaw on the 15th of July, 1888. He then purchased an eating-house from John Boscow, which he has enlarged and converted into a hotel, now known as the Grant Hotel, located on Main street, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The structure is eighty-one by seventy-two feet and contains thirty sleeping rooms and is a well equipped model property. In addition to his hotel property Mr. Grant now owns one hundred and six acres of the two-hundred-acre tract which was formerly his father's farm and which adjoins the first twenty acres which the father bought. The farm is located on section 7, Walker township, and is devoted to general agricultural purposes. In 1900 he built thereon a good residence of seven rooms and has erected barns and other farm buildings. He has also re-fenced the place since it came into his possession and it is now a valuable and well improved property.

On the 23d of February, 1876, Mr. Grant was married to Miss Malissa Jane Sult, a daughter of Henry and Cynthia (Troutman) Sult. They have become the parents of five children; Harrison H., now a merchant of Warsaw; Myrtle Pearl, Mary J., and Lula Jeanette, all at home; and Waunnetta Luciele, born February 22, 1906, and died September 5, 1906.

Mr. Grant is a member of Warsaw lodge, I. O. O. F., and has passed all of the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment. He is likewise connected with the Rebekah lodge and has three times represented the local order

in the grand lodge, first in 1896, again in 1898 and a third time in 1902, showing that he is one of the most prominent, popular and valued members of the organization. Politically he is a republican where national questions are involved but casts an independent local ballot. From pioneer days he has been a witness of the growth and development of the county and has rejoiced in the changes which have marked the work of public progress and improvement. At the same time he has borne his part in the task of developing the county and stands at all times firm in support of those interests which are a matter of civic virtue and of civic pride.

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#### JOHN WILKENS.

John Wilkens, deceased, devoting his life to farming, manifested in his business and social relations such sterling qualities as commended him to the friendship and regard of those who knew him. He was born in Hanover, Germany, in September, 1828, and acquired his education in the common schools of that country. His mother died in Germany when the son was but a little lad, and the father, William Wilkens, in 1846, accompanied by his son John and two daughters crossed the Atlantic and made his way to Nauvoo, Illinois, where he established his home and spent his remaining days, passing away there about 1896. He was married a second time and had two sons and two daughters by that marriage, namely: Charles, living in Sonora township; Gabriel, of Kansas; Mrs. Mary

Childers, of Nauvoo; and Mrs. Margaret Sugars, of Appanoose township.

John Wilkens was a youth of about eighteen years when he accompanied his father on the emigration to the new world and with him he resided in Appanoose township until he attained the age of thirty years, when he secured employment at farm labor in the neighborhood. He was thus engaged up to the time of his marriage, which was celebrated in February, 1863, Miss Cynthia Konance becoming his wife. She was born in Germany, June 21, 1841, a daughter of Anthony and Catherine (Wolf) Konance, who in 1847, having emigrated to the new world, established their home in Clinton county, Indiana, where the father followed farming for seven years. In 1854 he removed to Wapello, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and thirty acres of farm land, making his home thereon through the succeeding decade. He then sold his property there and came to Nauvoo, purchasing a residence in the town. His wife died in Nauvoo about 1870, and he afterward went to live with a daughter in Ottumwa, where he died in 1890.

After his marriage Mr. Wilkens bought seventy-two acres of land and later added a tract of seventeen and a half acres to his farm. His entire life was given to general agricultural pursuits and he continued the work of tilling the soil and caring for his crops until his life's labors were ended in death on the 6th of May, 1891. He was always straightforward in his business relations and thoroughly reliable in all his trade transactions, so that he enjoyed the full confidence and

good will of those with whom he was associated.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilkens were born six children: Mary, now the wife of John Bruegger, a resident of Nauvoo; Frank, of Sonora; Annie, the wife of John Nickowash, of Minnesota; Agnes, the wife of Victor Banarx, of Rock Creek township; and Joseph and Edward, both of whom are at home, and carry on the work of the farm. Mr. Wilkens was a communicant of the Catholic church, and was a democrat in his political belief and adherence. He lived continuously in this county from the age of eighteen years and witnessed the greater part of its growth and progress for it was still a frontier region when the family came and he lived to see it converted into one of the rich agricultural districts of this great state. He made a creditable record as a business man, as a citizen and as a friend, and thus his death was the occasion of widespread regret to many who knew him as well as to his immediate family.

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#### JACOB MICHAEL GROSS.

Jacob Michael Gross, who is engaged in the raising of grapes and the manufacture of wine at Nauvoo, is a business man of enterprise whose intense and well directed activity has led to a gratifying measure of success. He was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, January 12, 1863, and is a son of John and Catherina (Hauptman) Gross, who were natives of Alsace, France. The paternal grandparents were George and Barbara (See-

wagon) Gross, while the maternal grandparents were John and Marie (Lamb) Hauptman, and the former was a son of Michael Hauptman. George Gross owned a large farm and also conducted a tavern, while John Hauptman had extensive agricultural interests.

John Gross was the youngest in a family of three daughters and two sons. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Catherina Hauptman, who was born November 3, 1823, in Melsheim, Alsace, France, while his birth occurred on the 24th of December, 1820. Following their marriage they remained residents of their native country until January, 1855, and Mr. Gross there conducted a tavern and also followed the cooper's trade. Making arrangements to come to America, they sailed for New York in 1855, and after reaching the eastern metropolis made their way to Buffalo and proceeded around the lakes to Wisconsin. In that state John Gross purchased a farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1865, when he sold his property and removed to Nauvoo, where he purchased four acres of land and later four acres additional. Here he began raising grapes and manufacturing wine, continuing in the business until his death, which occurred December 13, 1900. His widow still survives and now makes her home with her son, Jacob M., who is the next to the youngest in a family of six sons and three daughters but only two sons and one daughter are now living, these being: John G., of Appanoose township; Jacob M.; and Mary Ann, the wife of Henry Argast, a painter of Nauvoo.



Jacob Michael Gross has always resided with his parents, and on the 2d of January, 1891, he purchased four acres of land in the city of Nauvoo, on which he has since engaged in the cultivation of grapes and the manufacture of wine, his output being from two to seven thousand gallons of native wine annually. He has a fine cellar which holds about seven thousand gallons and upon his place he also has a comfortable brick residence and other improvements. He has been familiar with his present line of business from his boyhood days and his capable management is bringing him a gratifying measure of success.

On the 25th of November, 1890, occurred the marriage of Jacob M. Gross and Miss Caroline Sherz, who was born in Hannibal, Missouri, a daughter of Andrew and Julia Sherz. Their children are: Carl John, born September 22, 1891; and Theodore J., November 6, 1893. Mr. Gross was educated in the English and German schools of Nauvoo, and is a well informed man of enterprise and activity in his business. He is a democrat in his political faith and has served as township collector for two terms, while for four years he has been school director. He holds membership with Nauvoo camp, No. 905, Modern Woodmen of America, and is a member of the Lutheran church.

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#### AMOS H. WORTHEN.

Amos H. Worthen, scientist, and for thirty years state geologist of Illinois,

contributed through his written works, volumes of the utmost value to the scientific world. He was one of the pioneers in the task of collecting fossils and geological specimens of the middle west and with other laborers in the same field of investigation made practically a new science of geology. He is one of the distinguished citizens who have made Warsaw famous, having for more than a half century been a resident of that city.

Born in the town of Bradford, Orange county, Vermont, on the 31st of October, 1813, he was a son of Thomas and Susannah (Adams) Worthen, whose family numbered twelve children, Amos being the eleventh in order of birth. Little is known concerning the ancestral history of the Worthens. The father was a representative of a Massachusetts family, the descendants of which are scattered through a number of states of the Union. In early manhood he went with his young wife to Bradford, Vermont, and purchased a farm upon what was known as the south road, a few miles west of the village, where they made a permanent home and reared their family. He was born August 24, 1765, and died October 21, 1851. His wife, Susannah, was born December 24, 1768, and passed away March 17, 1843. She was the eldest child of Abraham Adams, a descendant of Henry Adams, who came from England and settled at Mount Wollaston, now Quincy, Massachusetts, and who was the founder in America of the celebrated Adams family that has included two presidents of the United States. She was a woman of great energy and tact and it is evident that it was largely from her

that her son Amos inherited the force of character and adherence to a definite purpose which distinguished him.

The childhood and early youth of Amos Worthen were spent continuously upon the home farm where he was employed during the warm months in such of its labors as were suitable to his strength, while in the winter seasons he attended the district schools of the neighborhood. His well directed labor and the sports which the surrounding fields and forests afforded, resulted in the development of a vigorous physical manhood, and his winter schooling—for the Vermont district schools were among the best of their class—gave him the foundation of that mental development that afterward distinguished him. As his youth progressed and he had mastered the rudiments taught in the district schools he desired to enter Bradford Academy, since merged with the Bradford high school, which was located at the village a few miles from his home. He obtained the means to gratify his wish, and it was at this institution that young Worthen received the last of his school training. During his attendance at Bradford Academy he boarded in the family of his sister Mary, who was older than himself and who had married Captain Ellis Bliss, an extensive farmer in the Connecticut valley. While prosecuting his studies at the academy young Worthen also prosecuted his suit for the hand of Miss Sarah B. Kimball, of Warren, New Hampshire, and they were married on January 14, 1834, at which time he was in his twenty-first year. The union was a fortunate one and lasted fifty-three years, when it was broken by the

death of his faithful wife, which occurred only a little more than a year previous to his own. Seven children were born to them—one daughter and six sons. The daughter died in childhood. All of the six sons, Lafayette Shaw, George B., Thomas A., Amos H., Charles K. and John B., were living at the time of the father's death and were the pallbearers at the funeral. Of this number Lafayette and Thomas have since passed away.

About the time of his marriage Mr. Worthen decided to make his home in what was then called the far west. Such a journey was then a serious undertaking, most of it being through a comparative wilderness and by slow means of transportation, for railroads were yet in an experimental condition and none of the few then existing was available for any portion of it. His eldest brother, Enoch, had already moved with his family to Cynthiana, Kentucky, and thither Amos also decided to go. His stay at Cynthiana seems to have been short, for we learn that in the next year after leaving his New England home he was teaching at Cumminsville, near Cincinnati, Ohio. He remained at Cumminsville until June, 1836, when he joined the tide of emigration which had begun to flow into the Mississippi valley and settled at Warsaw, Illinois. Here, with the exception of an interval of two years, 1842 to 1844, which he, together with his family, spent in Charlestown, Massachusetts, and about three years, 1857 to 1860, in Springfield, Illinois, he lived continuously until his death. Some of his wife's family, the Kimballs, had preceded the young couple

to Warsaw and its vicinity, and with two of her brothers Mr. Worthen formed a partnership in the mercantile business. This business, with the exception of several changes and interruptions, he continued until 1855, after which time he devoted himself entirely to the scientific pursuits for which he had been preparing himself ever since his arrival in Warsaw. It is a fact, but not a surprising one, that Mr. Worthen's career as a merchant was not successful as success is usually counted in such occupations. Business as such had no attractions for him or none beyond the fact that it yielded him the moderate means of meeting the necessary demands of his growing family, but unconsciously to his friends, who were sometimes inclined to censure him for what to them was a lack of business enterprise, it was giving him an opportunity to accomplish far more than this. His inherent predilection for natural science had from his boyhood been subdued or kept latent by the pressure of duties to the demands of which he was ever ready to respond but it found at his new home and in its vicinity an unwonted and irresistible stimulation. The forests of the Mississippi valley and the adjacent broad prairies afforded him a boundless field for study and observation, and, above all, the fossiliferous rocks of the Lower Carboniferous series, which prevail in that region and some of which are well exposed at and around his home, were his especial delight. He began at once the study of this great series of strata and the collection of its fossils and minerals. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "With no education beyond that acquired

at the common schools of New England, and no scientific training, he took up the study of geology and mastered it to an extent excelled by few, and this, too, after his settlement in Warsaw, and amid the cares of a family and while engaged in business. His attention was drawn to the science of geology by observing the interesting minerals and fossils that were met with in such profusion on every hand. We well remember seeing him out in the morning or evening, with basket and hammer rambling over the bluffs and among the ravines collecting specimens, and then thought he was unprofitably engaged. The ravines were then full of geodes that had weathered out of the decomposing shales of the geode beds and the beautiful crystals with which they were lined were objects of great interest. The limestone was also full of fossils and although the forms of organic life they presented were entirely new to him, they excited an intense desire to know something of their history and of the specific character of the animals to which they once belonged. There had been no elementary work on geology published in this country at that time, and the first books he was able to obtain that contained any account of fossils were a copy of Dr. Mantell's 'Medals of Creation' and 'Wonders of Geology,' published in England. These, though they threw no light on the specific character of the specimens he gathered in his excursions among the rocks here gave some insight into the manner in which the rocks were formed and how the remains of living beings came to be preserved in them. By collecting the minerals and fossils that were

found in the vicinity of Warsaw, and exchanging them for other collections he gradually acquired the information so much desired. Through these collections and exchanges and by other means Professor Worthen obtained a valuable geological museum, which, when he was called to Springfield, thousands would not have purchased. Subsequently the first volumes of the Paleontology of New York were published, affording the first figures and descriptions of American fossils that he had been able to obtain. Those who commence the study of geology now, when the characteristic fossils of every formation on the North American continent have been figured and described in published works, that are accessible to the student, in public and private libraries, can form but little idea of the difficulties with which students in the same fields had to contend forty years ago. Professor Worthen's labor as state geologist resulted in an extended survey of every county in the state, and the publication of seven large volumes as a record of the work,—a publication deemed of great value to the scientific world."

It was in 1851 that Professor Worthen accepted an appointment as assistant geologist in the Illinois geological survey, continuing in that position for three years. In 1855 he was appointed an assistant in the geological survey of Iowa by Governor Bissell. In that position he continued until it was abolished, when he was appointed curator in the State Historical Library and Natural History Museum by Governor Cullom, which position he was holding at the time of his death. In that position he amassed a magnificent

collection which is the admiration of all visitors to the state capitol. From and after the time he entered upon his duties as state geologist of Illinois, the current of his life, although extending through thirty years, was too uniform to require a material extension of this biographical notice. During all that time his labor was constant and severe, and he took few vacations beyond his attendance upon scientific meetings but his great physical strength made him equal to his self-imposed tasks. His delight in his work and in his home was such that his share of happiness was greater than that which falls to the lot of most men and he desired no addition to it. But his continued success was not due to the absence of adverse conditions. Again and again his work was in danger of suspension by the threatened failure of the necessary appropriations by the legislature and more than once they were so far reduced that only the most careful management averted disaster. Once, indeed, appropriations failed entirely, for the years 1875 to 1877. When appropriations were resumed in the last named year provision was made for the establishment of the Illinois State Historical Library and Natural History Museum, and Mr. Worthen became its curator as well as state geologist. He, however, continued his work without compensation and with such evident sincerity of purpose that they were resumed by the next legislature. One by one his volumes of reports were published and gladly accepted by the scientific world; one by one the great difficulties he encountered were overcome and he was permitted to finish his work to the great ad-

vantage of science and the satisfaction of the most exacting economist. As his work approached completion old age was coming upon him but he retained his mental vigor, and in a great measure his accustomed good health until his final illness, which prostrated him suddenly and terminated in death within a few days. He died on Sunday, May 6, 1888, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, surrounded by people who respected and honored him and among whom he had lived a full half century. Personally Mr. Worthen was of manly presence and kindly, candid, and unpretentious in manner. He was impulsively generous to his friends and charitable, even to those with whom he had little sympathy but he was uncompromising in his love of justice and scientific truth. The only proper standard by which to judge of his scientific labors is and must always be his published works, which are his monument and the records by which his name will be known in future years.

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#### W. W. HUGHES.

W. W. Hughes, deceased, who was one of the worthy and respected citizens of Carthage, where his memory is still cherished by all who knew him, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, September 15, 1821, a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hughes. The father was a native of Maryland and was a cabinet-maker by trade. Removing to Kentucky he spent his remaining days there, both he and his wife passing away in that state. In their

family were five children, all of whom are now deceased.

W. W. Hughes of this review attended the common schools in his boyhood days and afterward was a student in the College of Kentucky. He worked in his father's cabinet-shop for a short time and later learned the harness-maker's trade in Kentucky, from which state he removed to Illinois in 1854, settling in Carthage. Here he followed harness-making for several years and then turned his attention to the drug business, establishing a store which he conducted successfully for some time. Later he was proprietor of a photograph gallery and in that business also prospered. When his well directed labors, enterprise and careful management had brought him a desirable competency he retired from business life and spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Mr. Hughes was married October 16, 1846, to Miss Sarah E. Payne, who was born in Kentucky, October 16, 1825, a daughter of John and C. (Hughes) Payne. The mother though of the same name was not a relative of the Hughes family of which our subject is a member. Her birth occurred in Maryland, while Mr. Payne was born in Virginia. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and he passed away in Kentucky at a ripe old age. In their family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Hughes of this review is the only surviving member. By her marriage she became the mother of six children. Perry B., the eldest, born September 4, 1847, married Missouri Belle Scott on the 2d of September, 1868, and died January 13,

1897, leaving two daughters, Belle and Minnie. The former is the wife of a Mr. Parker, of Brookfield, Missouri, and has two children, Marion and Hugh Parker. Minnie Hughes became the wife of Dr. Bynum, of Memphis, Tennessee, and has two children, Woodfield and Elizabeth. Albert G. Hughes, the second surviving member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hughes, was born December 28, 1848, and was married May 26, 1872, to Miss Fannie Logan, their home being in Dighton, Lane county, Kansas. They have one child, Mrs. Maud King, who is living in Waukeena, Kansas. Henry F. Hughes, born December 22, 1853, married Miss Katie Applegate, by whom he has four children, their home being in Missouri. William S. Hughes, born December 15, 1859, was married June 10, 1881, to Miss Ina Edwards and resides in Carthage. They have two sons, William Woodfield and Paul. The other members of the Hughes family are deceased.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Hughes was an earnest Mason and passed all of the chairs in the local lodge. He was for many years an active and influential member of the Christian church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he never sought or desired office. By his energy and unflinching perseverance he accumulated a considerable competence and thus left his family in comfortable circumstances. He built a beautiful home about fifteen years ago and in this his widow still resides. Mr. Hughes passed away December 12, 1898, at the advanced age

of eighty-seven years and the county thereby lost one of its most venerable, honored and worthy citizens. His life at all times was characterized by high principles and worthy motives and he enjoyed the unqualified regard and good will of all with whom he came in contact. Benevolence was one of the strong and salient features of his character but in his charitable acts he was always quiet and unostentatious, never seeking the praise of men. In his home he was a devoted and loving husband and father and for fifty-two years he and his wife traveled life's journey happily together. While he was active and reliable in citizenship and in business and faithful in friendship, his best traits were always reserved for his family. Some years prior to his death Mr. and Mrs. Hughes built a vault in Moss Ridge cemetery in Carthage, where his remains were interred. Mrs. Hughes, now nearly eighty-one years of age, still survives her husband and is yet an active and well preserved lady, who is spending the evening of her life in comfort amid many warm friends, who have known her for long years and who entertain for her the deepest esteem and affection.

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#### LEON CHEVILLON.

Leon Chevillon is the senior member of the firm of Chevillon & Clere, of Carthage, who are conducting the largest business in Hancock county in implements farm machinery, carriages and buggies and the firm is not only foremost in the

extent of its trade but also occupies a leading position because of the reliability, enterprise and business activity of the house. Mr. Chevillon is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred in Nauvoo on the 20th of April, 1851, his parents being Eugene and Angelia (Naegelin) Chevillon. Both parents were natives of France and the maternal grandfather was interested in the French revolution of 1848. The father of our subject came to America about 1849 or 1850, settling in Nauvoo after the Mormons had left for their western home in Utah. He was a farmer by occupation and subsequently worked at the tinner's trade. Both he and his wife spent their last days in Hancock county. In his fraternal relations Eugene Chevillon was an Odd Fellow and he held membership in the Catholic church, while his wife was a Presbyterian in religious faith. In their family were four children, of whom three are living: Leon, of this review; Hena, the wife of Thomas Crow, of Kansas; and Victoria, the wife of Thomas Cecil, who is living in Oklahoma.

Leon Chevillon was educated in the public schools of Keokuk, Iowa, and remained upon his father's farm for some time. He was only ten years of age at the time of his mother's death and he and his sister kept house together and he farmed the home place until twenty-three years of age, but thinking that he would find commercial pursuits more congenial, in 1876 he entered the employ of an implement house of Keokuk, Iowa, which he represented upon the road as a traveling salesman. After traveling for three different firms of that city he finally repre-

mented a New York firm and eventually traveled for an Ohio house and then with the capital saved from his earnings he made investment in a mercantile enterprise and in January, 1901, opened a large implement house in Carthage, having in the meantime made his home in this city, while traveling for a number of years. This is not only the largest implement house in Carthage but of the county as well and in addition he handles hardware. He is the senior member of the firm of Chevillon & Clere and they deal extensively in farm machinery, carriages, buggies and wagons, selling to the retail trade. Their place of business is on Main street and employment is furnished to three salesmen. The trade has gradually grown until it has now reached very extensive and profitable proportions and the business is constantly developing along substantial lines.

In 1879, Mr. Chevillon was married to Miss Sophia Clere, who was born in Hancock county, Illinois, a daughter of Frank and Josephine (Miller) Clere. Her father was a native of France and her mother of Ohio. Mr. Clere, however, was but eight years of age when he came to America and throughout his active business life he followed farming, living at different times in Ohio, Hancock county, Illinois, and in Arkansas. He died in the last named state in 1891 and was laid to rest in a cemetery there by the side of his wife, who had passed away in 1873. They were the parents of three children, Mary, deceased; Frank H., of Bluffs, Illinois, and Sophia, wife of our subject.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Chevillon have been born five children, all of whom are

living: Frank and Fred, twins, now in school; Leonore and Blanche, twins, at home; and Ruth, who is also attending school. Fred will graduate from the high school in the class of 1906, and the daughter is now studying bookkeeping in a business college. The family residence is on Cherry and Main streets, where Mr. Chevillon purchased a nice home. He and his wife are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Odd Fellows society. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, but his business interests leave him no leisure for political preferment or office holding. He has concentrated his energies upon the development of his business, which has grown rapidly and along substantial lines. He is methodical in all that he does, has systematized his interests and in his trade relations is found thoroughly reliable, his name being a synonym for business integrity in commercial circles in Carthage. The history of the American people is replete with illustrations of the fact that it is only under the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition that the best and strongest in men is brought out and developed. If anything can inspire the youth of our country to persistent, honest and laudable endeavor, it should be the life record of such men as he of whom we write.

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#### J. I. FRAZER.

J. I. Frazer, one of the most prominent and prosperous residents of Rocky

Run township, has devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits and his intense and well directed energy has been the salient element in his success. He is seldom if ever at error in a matter of business judgment and his keen sagacity has enabled him to make judicious investments, which, viewed from a financial standpoint have resulted beneficially. His life record began in Adams county, Illinois, September 8, 1848. He was the elder of two sons born unto Lafayette Harrison and Caroline (Wilson) Frazer. The father was born in Kentucky in 1818, and was a little lad of eight years, when, in 1826, he came with his parents to Illinois, the family home being established in Adams county, near Quincy. He arrived in Hancock county in 1846, and cast in his lot with its pioneer residents. He first purchased two hundred and sixty acres of land in Walker township and there lived in true pioneer style, his home being a log cabin. He served in the Mormon war in 1844 when the attempt was made to drive the followers of Brigham Young from the county, and he took part in many other events which are now of historic importance. He shared in all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life while converting raw prairie land into a good farm, and he assisted in the material development and upbuilding of the county, which recognized in him a valued citizen. His political support was always given to the democracy but he never sought or desired office. His wife was born in Ohio in 1829, and their marriage was celebrated in this state. Her death occurred in September, 1882, and Mr. Frazer passed away in January, 1886,



He was a splendid type of an enterprising, sturdy citizen of high principles, beloved by all who knew him. Both he and his wife were laid to rest in a cemetery in Rocky Run township. They had two sons, the younger being George W., who is now living in Walker township.

J. I. Frazer was educated in the schools of Walker township and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. He assisted in the arduous task of developing a new farm. His birth place was a log cabin, in which his parents lived during the pioneer epoch in the history of the county and from personal recollection he can relate many incidents of pioneer times and tell of the conditions of life which then existed when the frontier homes were heated with huge fireplaces and lighted by candles, and when the farm work was largely done by hand, for the fine machinery of the present day was then unknown.

On the 15th of April, 1873, Mr. Frazer was united in marriage to Miss Jincy Rebecca Crenshaw, who was born in Lima, Hancock county, Illinois, in 1852, a daughter of Theophilus and Martha (Martin) Crenshaw, both of whom were natives of the southern part of this state. The father was a farmer by occupation and removed from southern Illinois to Adams county. The grandfather of Mrs. Frazer lived for a time in Hancock county, and her father was a soldier of the Mormon war of 1844 and also participated in the Indian warfare of 1848. His name was thus closely associated with pioneer events and he left the impress of his individuality upon the early development and progress of the county. Both

he and his wife are now deceased, their graves having been made in Holden cemetery in Rocky Run township. In their family were six children but only two are now living: Celatha, the wife of F. M. Jacobs, of Lima, Adams county; and Mrs. Frazer.

Following his marriage Mr. Frazer received as a gift from his father two hundred acres of land on section 36, Rocky Run township, bordering on the southern boundary of the township. Since then he has added to his original holdings until he was at one time owner of over seven hundred and seventy acres but he has given to each of his children two hundred acres. In 1888 he built his large, beautiful and modern residence, and he has also built a fine barn forty by sixty feet. The home is surrounded by a well kept lawn and there are many modern improvements and accessories upon the farm, all indicating the progressive spirit and enterprise of the owner. He has been very successful in his farming operations. Since 1898 he has practically retired from active farming and rents most of his land. With a good start received from his father he has made steady progress in business affairs, adding largely to his holdings until he has become one of the extensive landowners of his township.

Mr. and Mrs. Frazer have every reason to be proud of their family of two sons who are an honor to their family. Lafayette Harison Frazer, the elder, married Miss Catherine E. Shipe, by whom he has two children, Caroline and Lafayette Harrison Frazer, Jr. Their home is in Quincy, Illinois. William T. Frazer, born August 15, 1884, is a graduate of

the Gem City high school at Quincy of the class of 1902. He is now at home with his parents.

Mr. Frazer gives his political support to the democracy and is serving for the second term as supervisor of his township and chairman of the board. He has passed all of the chairs in the Masonic lodge to which he belongs and has several times been master. Both he and his wife are members of the Southern Methodist church, of which he is trustee and they contribute generously to its support and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Their home is noted far and wide for its generous and warm-hearted hospitality. It is most beautifully and tastefully furnished and moreover is the embodiment of good cheer and kindly spirit. Their friends are numerous and the warm regard in which they are uniformly held is justly merited. They have done much for the township in which they make their home, never living selfishly to themselves but standing for progress and improvement along all lines which benefit the community at large. July 4, 1906, while at the breakfast table he was stricken with paralysis and although all was done that skill could do, he passed away on July 6th. He is laid to rest in the family lot in Fletcher cemetery in Rocky Run township.

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#### JOHN F. ANTOINE.

John F. Antoine is a retired farmer living in Basco, the years of his former

toil making it possible for him to live in leisurely manner without recourse to further labor. He was born in the village of Many, Department of Meurthe and Moselle, France, in 1838. He came to America in 1856 with his mother and family, consisting of an uncle and a brother and sister. All these have passed away except Mr. Antoine, and the resting place of their mortal remains is in Basco cemetery. The family settled upon a farm in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he worked until 1867. He then began to consider the subject of having a home of his own and consummated his purpose through his marriage to Miss Céline Ancelet, who was born in the village of Le Sourd, in the department of Aisne, France. Her parents were also natives of that country and her father, who was a weaver by trade, settled in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, upon his emigration to America in 1855. Purchasing land, he then carried on general farming and stock-raising until his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife survived him until 1893 and both lie buried in Basco cemetery. In their native land they were communicants of the Catholic church. Their family numbered four children, of whom three are living: Ernest and Adonis, both of whom reside in Bear Creek township; and Mrs. Antoine.

Following his marriage Mr. Antoine lived upon a farm in Bear Creek township for thirty-five years and carefully cultivated the fields and managed his property until it brought to him a good financial reward. He then sold his farm and in Basco built a pretty cottage. He

owns forty acres of land there and is engaged in raising vegetables. He and his bride began life on limited financial circumstances but through their united efforts they have accumulated a comfortable competence and are now well situated financially. They also own twenty acres of timber land. In the community they stand high in the regard of those who know them. Mrs. Antoine is a lady of domestic tastes, devoted to her home and is especially fond of reading, from which she derives much benefit, as she possesses an excellent memory. In politics Mr. Antoine is a republican, but has never cared for office and the concentration of his energies upon his business affairs to the exclusion of other interests resulted in the acquirement of a measure of success that now enables him to enjoy life in quiet and retirement.

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#### THEOPHILUS OUTHIER.

Theophilus Outhier, whose home is on section 1, Montebello township, for many years has resided in the township where he has carried on general agricultural pursuits and the raising of high grade stock. He was born in France, October 5, 1830, and is a son of Francis and Frances (Gandard) Outhier, and a grandson of Pierre Gandard. The father was a farmer of France, where he followed agricultural pursuits until 1847, when he came with his family to America, sailing to New Orleans and thence proceeding up

the Mississippi river to Keokuk. He located in Henry county, Illinois, and soon afterward purchased sixty-five acres of land on section 20, Sonora township, Hancock county, a part of which was timber and part prairie land. The farm was located a mile from the Mississippi river and thereon he devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until 1856, when he sold that property and removed to another farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 34, Sonora township. This was prairie land which he soon brought under a high state of cultivation, also erecting there a good residence, substantial outbuildings, together with well kept fences, which divided the place into fields of convenient size. He was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, however, for his death occurred in 1857. He had for ten years survived his wife, who died about 1847.

Theophilus Outhier was the eldest of a family of three sons and two daughters, and only two are now living, his brother being Amiel Outhier, who resides in Adams county, Iowa. Our subject was educated in the public schools of his native country and Illinois and was reared to farm life. He came to the United States with his parents when sixteen years of age and remained under the parental roof until his marriage on the 20th of November, 1856, to Miss Susan Haycraft, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of John and Lydia Ann (Ash) Haycraft. Following his marriage Mr. Outhier removed to a farm of forty acres, constituting a part of the second farm which his father had purchased. He improved all of his father's land and hauled

the lumber from Nauvoo for building fences and making other improvements upon the farm. He also erected a house upon that forty-acre tract, which his father gave him and he there carried on general farming for about two years, after which he traded it for one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 36, Sonora township. This was only partially improved. There was a small house and well upon the place and a little orchard of about thirty-five trees had been set out. Mr. Outhier's next purchase of land made him owner of one hundred and sixty acres on section 1, Montebello township. This tract came into his possession in 1864, and he continuously carried on farm work there. He built a two-story frame residence and in 1875 built a large barn thirty-two by sixty feet. He also built a double corn crib thirty-two by thirty feet and he set out many soft maple trees, covering about four acres. The land has natural drainage and the farm is well equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. In 1903 Mr. Outhier purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 36, Sonora township, all of which had been placed under a high state of cultivation, while a good house and barn had been built. Here he carries on general agricultural pursuits and also raises Norman and Percheron horses, Durham cattle and Poland China hogs, keeping between two and three hundred head of hogs on his farm annually. He also has about three acres planted to apples, peaches, plums, cherries and pears and he likewise raises the various small fruits adapted to soil and climate. His farm is a well developed property and in

its neat and thrifty appearance gives evidence of the careful supervision of the owner.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Outhier has been blessed with the following named: Emma, the wife of James Jones, of Hamilton, Illinois; Arthur Douglas, who is living in Blaine county, Oklahoma; Mrs. Addie Emmons, of Prairie township; Albert, of Gage county, Nebraska; Frank, of Montebello township; George, of Prairie township; Justin, who is in the commission business in Ferris, Illinois; Estella, the wife of George Aleshire, of Carthage; Clarence and Bertrand, who are residents of Blaine county, Oklahoma; and Elsie, the wife of Erastus Hanson, of Hamilton, Illinois. The parents have reared a family of which they have every reason to be proud, as their sons and daughters have become respected men and women esteemed in the various localities where they reside. Mr. Outhier has served as school director and as overseer of roads and is interested in public affairs to the extent of not only giving his approbation to many movements for the general good but also a hearty and generous support.

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#### WILLIAM ROASA.

William Roasa, who since 1892 has resided upon his present farm on section 1, Wythe township, was born in Keokuk, Iowa, August 16, 1860. He is of German lineage, his parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Kaufman) Roasa, being natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany.

They were married, however, in Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, where they were living at that time. The father was a stonemason by trade, and following his marriage removed to Louisville, Kentucky, where he worked at his trade until 1854, and then went to Keokuk, Iowa, where he worked as a stonemason until 1861. Following the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Fifteenth Regiment of Missouri Volunteers at St. Louis and was in the service for ten months, at the end of which time he sustained injuries in his back that necessitated his discharge. He then returned to Keokuk, where he again followed his trade until 1865, in which year he removed to Elvaston, Illinois, and for four years cultivated a rented farm. On the expiration of that period with the capital he had saved from his earnings he purchased two hundred acres of land in Clark county, Missouri, whereon he resided until 1880, carrying on general agricultural pursuits. In the year mentioned he traded that farm for eighty-two acres of land in Prairie township, Hancock county, a mile and a quarter south of Elvaston, to which he afterward added ten acres. There he continued to carry on general agricultural pursuits until his death on the 27th of September, 1893. This was occasioned by injuries sustained by being thrown from a wagon while on a trip to Scotland county, Missouri. His wife survived him and died upon the old home place October 5, 1904.

William Roasa, the seventh in order of birth in a family of four sons and six daughters, made his home with his parents until he had attained the age of

twenty-four years, and in the meantime acquired a district school education in Clark county, Missouri, and in this county. On starting out in life on his own account he worked by the month as a farm hand, and about two years later he made arrangements for establishing a home of his own through his marriage on the 5th of October, 1886, to Miss Amelia Heagy, who was born in Montebello township, Hancock county, December 23, 1865. She acquired her education in the public schools of Elvaston, while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, George and Theresa (Bauer) Heagy, the former a native of Alsace, Germany, and the latter of Waldurn, Baden, Germany. The maternal grandfather was Joseph Bauer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Heagy's paternal grandfathers came to the United States, and the latter established his home in Ohio, where he spent his remaining days. Mr. Bauer, however, died in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Heagy was celebrated in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of June, 1852, and in the following year they removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where Mr. Heagy worked at his trade until 1854. He then purchased land in Montebello township and began farming, in connection with which he continued to work at his trade until 1866, when he purchased sixty-two acres of land in Prairie township. There he still resides, being one of the respected and well known agriculturists of his community, but in 1895 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in August of that year.

After his marriage Mr. Roasa estab-

lished his home in Wythe township and also operated rented land in Prairie township. He was thus engaged until 1892 when he purchased his present place of forty acres on section 1, Wythe township. They have resided upon this farm continuously since their marriage, and in the fall of 1905 Mr. Roasa added to his possessions through the purchase of the place of ninety-two acres in Prairie and Bear Creek townships, which he had previously rented. He carries on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and finds both branches of his business profitable, owing to his careful management and his indefatigable enterprise. In 1892 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Hodgeman county, Kansas, which he rents out for pasture.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Roasa has been blessed with four children: Olga Louisa, born April 14, 1887; Wilma Amelia, December 31, 1888; Gretta Juanita, February 10, 1895; and William Ivan, February 5, 1893. The family attend the Evangelical church at Hamilton, of which the parents are members, and Mr. Roasa is identified through membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America at Elvaston, while his political support is given to the Republican party. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as he started out in life empty-handed, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined purpose and honest effort, and he has gradually worked his way upward from a humble financial position to one of affluence, having an excellent farming property in Hancock county, Illinois, on which he resides.

#### WILLIAM EDGAR LYON.

The business enterprises of Carthage find a worthy representative in William E. Lyon, who figured prominently in commercial and industrial circles here, his wise counsel and unflagging industry being the dominant factors in the successful control of a large lumber and house finishing business and at the same time he is a dealer in coal and wood and as a member of the firm of W. E. Lyon & Company is engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile. Of resourceful business ability and strong determination, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes if his end can be accomplished by honorable means.

Mr. Lyon is yet a young man, for his birth occurred in Burlington, Iowa, on the 5th of April, 1870, his parents being William and Mary (Barkley) Lyon. His father was born in Linden, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1851 and the mother's birth occurred in the same county. The former was a grandson of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. McMillan, who was one of the first preachers of the gospel west of the Alleghany mountains and established the Washington College in Washington county, Pennsylvania. He preached for many years, riding the circuit on horseback. He was over six feet tall, weighed three hundred pounds and was a most jovial and good-hearted man and very witty. Moreover his earnestness of purpose and his strong humanitarian principles were manifest in his untiring efforts to promote the cause of religion. A great-uncle of our subject on the paternal side was a soldier of the war



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of 1812 and his father has in his possession the old German rifle mounted in silver belonging to his uncle and which will eventually be inherited by Mr. Lyon of this review.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lyon have resided in Burlington, Iowa, for the past thirty-seven years and for a considerable period he was engaged in business as a carpenter and contractor, but eventually turned his attention to the lumber trade, becoming a member of the Burlington Lumber Company. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, running away from home to become a drummer boy, and he remained at the front until the close of hostilities. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge. Both he and his wife are devoted and active members of the Presbyterian church of Burlington, in which Mr. Lyon has served as elder for many years. When Mr. Lyon arrived in Burlington the joint capital of himself and wife was but ten dollars. He is today a wealthy man, owning a fine residence and in control of an extensive and profitable business. His aged father still lives in Pennsylvania. William Lyon is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term and his well-directed labors have been the source of his prosperity. He is seldom at error in matters of business judgment, has the power to co-ordinate plans and forces and through the utilization of opportunity has developed extensive trade interests until the name of William Lyon commands respect and admiration wherever it is heard. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party and for

several years he has served as alderman of Burlington and has also been a member of the school board, filling those positions with dignity and honor. Unto him and his wife have been born seven children, of whom five are yet living. John M. is engaged in the lumber business in La Harpe and is a graduate of Parsons College, of Fairfield, Iowa. William E. is the second of the family. Lydia B., also a graduate of Parsons College, of Fairfield, is residing with her parents in Burlington. Charles, who is a graduate of Elliott's Business College, of Burlington, is now engaged in the lumber business in Palmyra, Missouri. Bessie, who has been attending Parson's College at Fairfield, is at home with her parents.

William E. Lyon was a public school student in his native city and for two winters attended Elliott's Business College. He was afterward bill clerk and stenographer for the Burlington Lumber Company for four years. While attending school he began to handle saws and tools in the sawmill, working when quite a young boy for fifty cents a day. He spent his vacations and Saturdays in this way and gained an intimate knowledge and interest in the trade with which his father was connected. He did all kinds of work in the sawmill in order to acquaint himself with the business and become qualified for a position in connection therewith. After four years spent as bill clerk and stenographer for the Burlington Lumber Company he came to Carthage in February, 1892, when not quite twenty-one years of age and established a lumber yard, having an office on Main street. He handles sash, doors, molding,

nails, barbed wire, fencing wire and all grades of lumber, and in 1901 he enlarged his business by adding to it a coal office, dealing in wood and both anthracite and bituminous coal. He has the largest lumber plant in the city and has established a fine business. In 1902 he purchased the brick and tile plant of Plumb Brothers and has since conducted that enterprise under the firm style of W. E. Lyon & Company. They have enlarged and rebuilt the tile plant and make shipments of their output to various points in Illinois. There is also a large home demand for their tile and brick. They likewise deal in lime, cement and patent plaster and also handle sewer pipe.

On the 20th of December, 1894, Mr. Lyon was married to Miss Viola Susan Tyner, who was born in Burnside, Hancock county, Illinois, a daughter of Jared and Emily (McGahan) Tyner, both of whom were natives of Hancock county, Illinois. The father, who was a druggist at Burnside, passed away a number of years ago, but the mother is still living and is a member of the Christian church, to which Mr. Tyner also belonged. They had three children: Mary, the wife of George W. Ray, superintendent of the Lyon brick plant at Carthage; Mrs. Lyon; and Birdie, the wife of James F. Gibson, of Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon have three children, all born in Carthage: Emily Margaret, aged eight years; Orville, six years of age; and Jared Edgar, three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon reside on Wabash avenue with her mother, Mrs. Tyner.

Mr. Lyon belongs to the Masonic fraternity and is also an Odd Fellow and

Knight of Pythias. He and his wife are devoted Christian people, his membership being with the Presbyterian church, while his wife belongs to the Christian church. He is serving as elder and clerk of the session and is also teacher of the men's Bible class. He gives his political support to the Republican party, but has never aspired to office. While he has never been a public man in social or political life he has always been quite prominent in church circles and there is no good work either in the name of charity or the advancement of religion which does not find in him an earnest and material helper. That his tastes have not led him into public walks is the only reason why he has not been honored by his fellow townsmen with office and political preferment. Like his ancestors, he is a man of large proportions and is equally large-hearted. Of genial good nature, pleasant and jovial, he is always a gentleman and numbers his friends and admirers among all classes of people. He has made a notable success in business for one of his years and his success is due chiefly to his natural ability and his thorough insight into the business in which as a young tradesman he embarked.

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#### L. THADDEUS THOMAS.

L. Thaddeus Thomas is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the northeast quarter of section 24, Montebello town-

ship, where he has lived since the spring of 1900. His home, a commodious frame residence, stands in the midst of a fine lawn, ornamented with beautiful shade trees and about fifteen rods from the road that divides Montebello and Prairie townships. Mr. Thomas is a native of Adams county, Illinois, born December 1, 1849. His father, Isaac Thomas, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and was a son of James and Abigail (Langsford) Thomas, who were likewise natives of Kentucky. Isaac Thomas came with his parents to Illinois in 1831, the family home being established in Adams county near Quincy, and in that locality, after attaining his majority, he married Miss Louisa Nichols, likewise a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and a daughter of John and Kittie (Carter) Nichols, who were born in the Blue Grass state. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thomas began their domestic life upon a rented farm in Adams county, where they remained until 1851, when they removed to Sonora township, Hancock county, making purchase of eighty acres of land. This Mr. Thomas improved and cultivated, erecting thereon a frame residence and extending the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase from time to time. Eventually he became one of the extensive landowners of the county; his holdings covering about seven hundred acres. He used the place for stock-raising and general farming, raising large numbers of cattle, horses and hogs. His business interests were a source of large revenue to him, owing to his capable conduct of his farm and his thorough understanding of the best meth-

ods of tilling the soil and caring for the stock. He died upon the old homestead in April, 1901, at the age of seventy-four years, and in the spring of 1906 his widow removed from the farm to Carthage, where she is now living at the age of seventy-seven years.

L. Thaddeus Thomas was one of twins, the sister being Laura Ann Thomas, who is now with her mother in Carthage. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are yet living, the others being: Luella, who is the widow of Henry Webber, and resides in Carthage; Naoma Jane, who is with her mother; Martha, the wife of Orville Honce, of Montebello township; and James Harvey, of Carthage.

In his boyhood days L. Thaddeus Thomas remained upon the old homestead farm, acquiring his education in the district schools, but his opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited. He was married April 15, 1886, to Miss Elizabeth Honce, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (McBroom) Honce, natives of Butler county, Ohio, who in 1850 arrived in Adams county, Illinois, where they resided for a few years and then came to Montebello township. Mr. Honce purchased a farm upon which he lived until his death in August, 1899, while his wife now makes her home among her children.

Following his marriage Mr. Thomas purchased eighty acres of land on section 13, Montebello township, which was an improved prairie farm. He built a barn forty by sixty feet and added other modern structures and equipments. He

also extended the boundaries of his place until he owns over two hundred and forty acres all in one body, but he now rents the land, while he gives his personal supervision to his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Montebello township, which he purchased in the spring of 1900. This place was well improved when it came into his possession. He has here a very pleasant and comfortable home and a two-story frame residence which is situated in the midst of a fine growth of ornamental and shade trees. There are also well tilled fields, the grain ripening under the summer sun and promising abundant harvests. In the barnyards and pastures are seen good grades of shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs for his stock-raising interests prove an important department of his business.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas has been blessed with two children: Alta Pearl, born January 26, 1889; and Lester Earl, born October 5, 1891. Both are attending school in Hamilton. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church at Elvaston, in the work of which they take an active and helpful part, while since 1905 Mr. Thomas has served as one of the church trustees. His political support is given to the democracy.

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#### SAMUEL DAVID GNANN.

The attractiveness of Hancock county as a place of residence is plainly indicated

by the fact that many of its native sons have remained within its borders since attaining adult life to enjoy its privileges and benefit through the improvement of its business conditions. Such a one is Samuel David Gnann, a resident farmer of Appanoose township. He was born in this township, January 30, 1869, his parents being Benedict and Ursula (Sutter) Gnann, natives of Prussia and of Switzerland respectively. About 1858, the father leaving Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the new world and took up his abode in Wisconsin, where he was employed at farm labor. Mr. Gnann, however, had learned and followed the baker's trade. He removed to Iowa, locating in Keokuk, where he was employed in various ways for three years and on the expiration of that period came to Appanoose township, and invested the money which he had saved from his earnings in one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 33. The farm had been placed under cultivation and upon it was a brick dwelling. He was married in Keokuk to his brother's widow. She had accompanied her first husband to that city, and by that marriage had become the mother of one child, Hannah, who is now the wife of John Gross, of this township. The death of Mrs. Ursula Gnann occurred in November, 1892, and in the spring of 1894 Benedict Gnann was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Minnie (Lutz) Blum, the widow of Carl Blum. Since their marriage they have resided in Nauvoo.

Samuel David Gnann, the only son in a family of seven children, has always resided upon the old homestead and on the

12th of April, 1900, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of this place. He attended the Maple Grove township school, wherein he acquired his elementary education and subsequently he was a student in the high school at Nauvoo. Since beginning business on his own account he has made substantial improvement upon his farm, not the least important of which is a fine residence, which was erected in 1905.

On the 24th of October, 1895, Mr. Gnann was married to Miss Nellie May Webb, a native of Appanoose township, and a daughter of William G. and Laura (Davis) Webb, the former born in Hancock county and the latter in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gnann now have two sons: Everett Ervin, born August 20, 1896; and Merle Edgar, born August 9, 1903. In religious faith Mr. Gnann is a Lutheran, having been confirmed in the church when fifteen years of age. He votes with the democracy, has served as township clerk for three years and has been school treasurer since 1894. His aid and co-operation can always be counted upon for supporting movements for the general good. Fraternaly he is identified with Temple lodge, No. 222, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Nauvoo, and also is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Niota.

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#### CHARLES WILKENS.

Charles Wilkens, who is the owner of an excellent farming property in Sonora

township, and because of his activity and success in business making him a representative citizen and by reason of the fact that he is a native son of Hancock county, well deserves mention in this volume. He was born in Appanoose township, February 2, 1857, and is the eldest in a family of two sons and three daughters, whose parents were William and Margaret (Zimmerman) Wilkens, the former a native of Hanover, Germany, and the latter of Bavaria. His maternal grandfather was Charles Zimmerman. William Wilkens emigrating from Germany to America in 1846, made his way to St. Louis, accompanied by a son and two daughters born of his first marriage, the wife and mother having died prior to that date. He was employed in a brickyard in St. Louis for a time, and after the Mormon war came to Appanoose township, Hancock county, and purchased eighty acres of land two and a half miles northeast of Nauvoo, which had been placed under cultivation. Subsequently, in connection with a Mr. Bryant, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and later bought several acres more. He improved these different places and continued to engage actively in farming until 1882, when he sold out and removed to the town of Nauvoo, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. His wife died September 19, 1875, and his death occurred July 11, 1885.

Charles Wilkens acquainted himself with the common branches of English learning by attending the district schools, but his educational privileges were somewhat meager, as in his youth he had as-

sisted his father in clearing the land and cultivating the fields. He swung the cradle during many harvest seasons and performed all the work incidental to developing the fields and cultivating crops. Following his first marriage he bought eighty acres of land in Rock Creek township, where he lived for seven years. He then sold out and bought eighty acres on section 29, Sonora township, all under cultivation save for about seven acres of timber which he has since secured and placed under the plow. The improvements upon the farm constituted a stone dwelling of eight rooms and a stone barn, which he has since remodeled, adding thereto sheds and granaries. In 1904 he also built a new barn and has improved his property until it is now a fine farm. It is well supplied with water, for he has dug four wells and two cisterns, which furnish an unbounded water supply for the house and for the stock. He has a fine house upon the place and various accessories and conveniences which go to make up a model farm of the twentieth century. On the 23d of May, 1903, he added ninety-seven acres to his farm adjoining the original tract on the south and purchased from the estate of Joseph Miller. It is situated on section 32, Sonora township, and he also bought ninety-eight and seven-tenths acres on section 31, of which forty acres was under cultivation, while the remainder was covered with timber and brush. He carries on general farming and raises shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs of good grades. He is well known as an extensive feeder.

On the 17th of February, 1881, Mr. Wilkens married Miss Carrie Kahler, a

native of Nauvoo, who died March 29, 1888, leaving two children: George William, who was born November 25, 1881; and David F., born February 17, 1885. Another son, Bernard, died in infancy. On the 2d of May, 1889, Mr. Wilkens married Mary Schmidt, who was born in Nauvoo, a daughter of John and Mary (Blockberger) Schmidt, natives of Austria. The children of this marriage are: Valley M., born April 22, 1890; Charles and Gabriel, twins, born May 4, 1892; John, May 5, 1898; Ralph O., October 10, 1899; and Eulia, born January 8, 1903.

When only six years of age Mr. Wilkens made frequent trips to Nauvoo, walking two and a half miles, and he remembers seeing the county when there were still many evidences of frontier life and the work of improvement has been carried on until this is one of the rich agricultural centers of the state of Illinois, nor is it lacking in its commercial and industrial advantages. He belongs to the Catholic church at Nauvoo, and is a supporter of the Democratic party, on which ticket he has been elected to the office of highway commissioner. He has also served as school director and is known for his devotion to matters that are of material interest to the county.

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#### COLLINS BRUNTON.

Collins Brunton, deceased, was an early settler of Illinois, whose memory com-

passes the greater period of development, progress and improvement in this part of the state. He bore, too, an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement, especially along material lines and he justly merited the success which came to him and the high regard which was uniformly tendered him by those with whom he was associated. He was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, May 14, 1818, his parents being Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brunton. The father was born in Scotland, while his mother had her birthplace among the Pennsylvania Dutch. About 1830 the parents removed from Ohio to Indiana, and in 1840 became residents of McDonough county, Illinois, but soon afterward took up their abode in Adams county, this state, where the mother died. The members of the family then became scattered and Collins Brunton came to Wythe township, Hancock county. He was a youth of about twelve years at the time of the removal to Indiana and his education was largely acquired in the public schools of that state. Following the death of his mother he came to this county in 1850, purchasing three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 26, Wythe township, of which about one hundred acres was covered with timber. He afterward, however, disposed of much of the timber tract but two hundred and fifty acres are still comprised within the old homestead farm. When he came into possession of this property there was no building upon it save a log house, which had been erected by the Mormons, while forty acres of the land had been placed under the plow. In 1851 he erected a

residence of eleven rooms and as the years passed he placed upon his farm all modern improvements—which are many. There is also a house for tenants and a fine timber tract of thirty or forty acres. Good barns and outbuildings are a feature of the farm and during the active management of Mr. Brunton everything about the place was kept in most thrifty condition.

On the 28th of March, 1852, occurred the marriage of Collins Brunton and Miss Nancy N. McGee, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, March 31, 1832, and was educated in the district schools there. Her parents were Samuel and Elizabeth (Bullington) McGee, natives of Kentucky, whence they removed to Indiana in their childhood days. They were married in the latter state and several children were born to them ere their removal to McDonough county, Illinois, about 1829. They located there just prior to the winter of the great snow—an incident memorable in the history of this state. It brought on very hard times and the McGee family had to go to Jacksonville, about eighty miles, to get bread stuff, having to break a road through the snow with ox teams. Sometimes such a trip would require three weeks. Mr. McGee had lost his first wife in Indiana, and at her death she left six children. The second wife was the mother of Mrs. Brunton, and there were twelve children by this marriage. Altogether fifteen of his children lived to mature years but only four are now living, namely: Mrs. Brunton; Sarah E., the wife of Isaac Wilson, of Carthage; Francis Marion, of Elvaston; and Andrew Jackson, who is

living in Bear Creek township. Mr. McGee passed away May 31, 1864, while his wife survived until August 21, 1882.

Following his marriage Mr. Brunton located upon what has since been known as the old homestead and there he tilled the soil and raised cattle, horses and hogs, while during the period of the Civil war he also kept sheep. In early days there were many wild animals in the forests and various evidences of frontier life were still to be found in Hancock county. His wife had located in Bear Creek township in 1846, and was here during the Mormon war, while her half-brother, Henry, and her eldest brother, Elisha, participated in the effort which resulted in the expulsion of the Mormons from the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunton became the parents of two children, Henrietta Evelyn and Minnie Frances. The former was born March 21, 1855, lost her hearing when eighteen years of age and has always remained at home with her mother. Minnie F., born November 25, 1859, is the wife of Nelson Comfort, of Carthage, and she is now sending two daughters to school there, Marie Evelyn, born April 17, 1885; and Annetta Grace, born September 15, 1890.

Mr. Brunton was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years but afterward joined the Baptist church, in the faith of which he passed away. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity in Warsaw and gave his political allegiance to the Republican party. His death resulted from heart trouble, occasioned by lagrippe, and he passed away March 17, 1896, his remains being in-

terred in McGee cemetery on the old home place in Wythe township. He was then in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and was accounted one of the most respected and venerable of the worthy pioneer settlers of this part of the state. He had lived in Hancock county from the early '40s and had been a landowner here from 1850. A life of diligence and enterprise was crowned with a goodly measure of success and through his honorable dealings he became known as a man of unquestioned integrity who closely adhered to the golden rule in all of his business and social relations.

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#### JOHN T. THORNBUR.

John T. Thornber, who is engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits in Hancock county, owning a farm of two hundred and fifty acres situated in Sonora and Rock Creek townships, a portion of which was the property of his father, is a native of Lancashire, England, born October 16, 1854, a son of Henry and Lucy (Ellison) Thornber, also natives of that country, the former born in Lancashire, while the latter's birth occurred in Yorkshire. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Thornber was Mathew Ellison. Henry Thornber, father of our subject, on leaving England emigrated to America, and at once made his way to Hancock county, the year of his arrival being 1843. Here he bought forty acres of land lying in Rock Creek township, and two years



later was married to Miss Lucy Ellison, her parents having emigrated from England to this portion of the state. In 1853 the father returned to his native land, but two years later made his way once more to Rock Creek township, Hancock county, where he purchased considerable land and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in February, 1887, while his wife had passed away many years before, her death occurring on Christmas day, 1865. The father was married a second time, in February, 1868, his union being with Margaret Pilkington, likewise a native of England, and of this marriage there is one son, Amos J., a practicing physician of Burlington, Iowa. Of the father's first marriage there were born six children, of whom our subject is a member, namely: David R., a resident of Chateau county, Montana; Mary H., the wife of Isaac Seigfreid, of Rock Creek township; John T., whose name introduces this review; Lucy M., who became the wife of C. H. McCollom, of Carthage, Illinois, where her death occurred in December, 1886; W. H., a resident farmer of Sonora township; and James H., a printer of Fort Madison, Iowa. At the time of the father's death he left his family a valuable estate, comprising twelve hundred acres of land, situated in Rock Creek, Sonora and Pontoosuc townships, of which our subject fell heir to one hundred and thirty-one acres lying on section 12, Sonora township.

Mr. Thornber of this review acquired his education in the district schools of Rock Creek township, and during his boyhood and youth assisted his father in

the operation of the home farm. At the age of twenty-three years he located on the farm which he inherited from the father's estate, and here he added many modern improvements, including a nice home, good barns and other substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and here he took up the work of general farming and stock-raising, meeting with very gratifying success, so that he was eventually able to add to his original holdings by the purchase of more land, lying on sections 1 and 12, Sonora township, and he also owns ten acres of timber land in Pontoosuc township. In 1905 he erected a barn forty by fifty feet, for the shelter of horses, grain and hay. On his farm he has also erected a tenant house which is now occupied by his son-in-law, Harry H. Martin, who assists Mr. Thornber in the operation of the farm. He has also set out many shade and fruit trees, having an orchard of two acres planted to apples, cherries and peaches, and many varieties of smaller fruit.

In September, 1877, Mr. Thornber chose as a companion on life's journey Miss Flora B. Berdine, a native of Marshall county, Illinois, and a daughter of Jacob S. and Mary (Randolph) Berdine, both natives of New Jersey, and the latter a daughter of Isaac Randolph. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Grace, who was born August 11, 1878, is the wife of Harry H. Martin, and they live on her father's farm. Frank was born October 20, 1883, and married Grace Weber, and resides in Rock Creek township. Edrie, born October 24, 1888, is engaged in teaching

school in Sonora township; Henry, born in January, 1880, died in August of the following year.

In his political views Mr. Thornber is a republican and served one year as highway commissioner. He has never been active in politics, preferring to give his undivided attention to his own private interests. Although he inherited a portion of his property, he has worked hard in the improvement of this and in his work met with success so that he was able to add many more acres to his original holdings and is today accounted one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of his section of the county. He has spent the greater part of his life in the community where he yet resides and has so lived as to win the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### JOHN B. WORTHEN.

John B. Worthen, a leading merchant of Warsaw, owning and conducting a grocery store, was born in this city, February 4, 1855, a son of Amos H. and Sarah B. (Kimball) Worthen. His father, the distinguished geologist and scientist, came to Warsaw in 1836, and in the public schools of this city the son, John B., acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in the State University, at Champaign. After completing his education he went to Salt Lake City, where in 1872 and 1873, he was employed as bookkeeper in a commercial

house. He then returned to Keokuk, Iowa, and accepted a clerical position at the depot of the Keokuk & Northwestern Railroad and remained there until 1876, when he went to Centerville, Iowa, as agent on the Minnesota, Iowa & Nebraska Railroad. In 1878 he was agent at Hokah, Minnesota, for the Canadian Southern Railroad, where he remained until 1879, when he returned to Warsaw, and in partnership with W. B. Hill opened a grocery store. In 1881 Mr. Hill sold his interest to Charles K. Worthen and the firm name of Worthen Brothers was then assumed. In 1882, however, John B. Worthen purchased his brother's interest and since that time has conducted the business alone, having at the present time the largest grocery house in Warsaw. He occupies a store building forty by seventy feet with a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and the extent of his stock is indicative of the growth of his trade, which is now very important and brings him a gratifying income.

In 1882 Mr. Worthen was married to Belle S. Connor, who was born in Luray, Missouri, in 1857, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Lamb) Connor. They have five children: Ella E., born in 1883; Jeannette L., in 1887; Marie, in 1891; Helen Eunice, in 1893; and John C., in 1899. Mrs. Worthen and the family are members of the Episcopal church. Mr. Worthen affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. For four years he acted as master of the lodge, has filled other offices therein and at this writing is treasurer. Having spent almost his entire life in his

native city he has a wide acquaintance and his salient characteristics are such as have gained for him a position of prominence in public regard.

CHARLES K. WORTHEN.

Charles K. Worthen, who since 1867 has devoted the greater part of his life to scientific research and the collection of animals and birds for the various natural historical museums of this country and Europe, was born in Warsaw, Illinois, September 6, 1850. He has a natural predilection for the tasks to which he is now devoting his energies, his inherited tendency coming to him from his father, Amos H. Worthen, scientist and geologist, who for many years stood as one of the foremost representatives of geological research in America. The son was educated in the public schools of Warsaw and of Springfield, the family removing to the latter city in 1858. In 1861, however, they returned to Warsaw, and in 1867 Charles K. Worthen began the work of illustrating the geological reports published by his father. He devoted ten years to that task and then went to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he illustrated Lieutenant Wheeler's Expedition West of the One Hundredth Meridian under Professor Charles A. White. He afterward went to the Cambridge (Massachusetts) Museum of Comparative Zoology, where he became associated with Professor Louis Agassiz, illustrating the fishes and fish teeth of Illinois fossils. A part of the work was done for Professor Agassiz and part for the Illinois geological survey. While at Cam-

bridge he began his work in natural history, which he has followed since that time, his energies being devoted to labors along the line of natural history and taxidermy. He has supplied various museums of this country and of Europe with their animal and bird specimens, having collectors in all parts of the world, securing material for his work. His scientific knowledge along these lines is broad and comprehensive and his opinions are largely received as authority.

In May, 1873, Charles K. Worthen was married to Clara F. Waugh, a daughter of John M. and Mary A. (Ellis) Waugh, who were natives of Rock Island. She was born in Waughtown, adjacent to Rock Island, June 15, 1855, and was educated in the schools of Rock Island and of Warsaw, accompanying her parents on their removal to the latter city in her early girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Worthen now have four children. Frank F., born March 10, 1874, is vice president of the O'Brien-Worthen Company, of Keokuk, Iowa, manufacturers of dental and surgical goods and supplies. He is a graduate of Washington University, at St. Louis, Missouri, and practiced dentistry in Warsaw for eight years. The other members of the family are Bertha V., who was born February 14, 1876, and died February 3, 1901; Aimee W., born August 24, 1880; and Mabel R., born November 26, 1883.

AMOS H. WORTHEN.

Amos H. Worthen, proprietor of a grocery store in Warsaw, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts, February

21, 1844, and was educated in the schools of Warsaw and of Springfield, Illinois. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in August, 1861, as a member of the Seventh Missouri Cavalry and served until the 21st of November, 1864, when he was mustered out with the rank of first sergeant. He participated in the battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, December 7, 1863, and was there captured and sent as a prisoner of war to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he remained for about two weeks, when he was paroled. Later he was exchanged and returned to his regiment, where he served until mustered out. After returning from the war in 1864 he made his home in Warsaw, where he filled the office of tax collector for a year. In 1867 he bought a farm of forty acres four miles south of Warsaw, where he engaged in raising grapes and fruit, his attention being devoted to horticultural pursuits until 1894, when he again took up his abode in Warsaw and clerked for his brother, J. B. Worthen, until 1904. In that year he purchased the store of Homer Schaefer and is now conducting a grocery house, carrying a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and enjoying a good patronage.

On the 2d of May, 1867, Mr. Worthen was married to Miss Jennie M. Brown, a daughter of Peter Brown, of Indianapolis, Indiana. She was born August 10, 1846, and in her girlhood days came to Warsaw, residing with her uncle, Isaac H. Brown, until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Worthen have six children. Bernard H., born in 1869, is now a dealer in sporting goods at Atlanta, Georgia. Robert B. is proprietor of a restaurant at

Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Kate S. is the wife of Charles H. Bolte, of Cripple Creek, Colorado. Helen S. is conducting a millinery establishment at Cripple Creek. Hubbard B. is a painter at Boulder, Colorado, and Mary is assistant chief operator in the telephone office at Warsaw.

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#### GEORGE COLUMBUS McCORD.

George Columbus McCord is the owner of valuable farming property in La Harpe township, where he owns and operates one hundred and eighty-two and a half acres, which was formerly the property of his father, and he is one of the respected and worthy citizens of Hancock county. His birth occurred on the farm which is now his home, February 22, 1845, a son of J. W. and Nancy (Manifold) McCord, the former born in Overton county, Tennessee, July 1, 1815. The paternal grandfather, John McCord, located in Morgan county, Illinois, in 1830, but a year later took up his abode in McDonough county, this state, where his death occurred. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Willard. The maternal grandparents of our subject, George and Mary (Pursley) Manifold, became residents of Hancock county in 1836, at which time they settled in La Harpe township, where the death of George Manifold occurred about one year later. J. W. McCord and Nancy Manifold were married in this county on the 15th of March, 1835, and at once began their

domestic life in McDonough county, where the father operated a tract of land which he rented, and on which they made their home during the succeeding three years, subsequent to which time they came to La Harpe township, this county, where the father purchased forty acres of land lying on section 20. As he prospered in his undertakings he added to his original holdings until he owned one hundred and eighty-two and a half acres all in La Harpe township, and in addition to this he owned a tract of ninety-four acres situated in Fountain Green township. He participated in the Mormon war of 1844, which resulted in the expulsion of this religious sect from this section of Illinois. He was a democrat in his political views, and cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren in 1836. He and his wife were both devoted members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The mother of our subject died October 8, 1899, while the father survived until April 9, 1901, when he, too, was called to his final rest.

George C. McCord, whose name introduces this record, is the fourth in order of birth in a family of four sons and four daughters. He was reared to farm life in this county, assisting his father in the various tasks of carrying on general agricultural pursuits, and during his boyhood and youth attended the common schools near his father's home. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-two years, when he started out in life on his own account, first going to McDonough county, where he bought a farm of eighty acres situated in Hire township. He later

added a tract of forty acres and had one of the finely improved farms of his portion of the state. He continued to make his home here until 1893, when he disposed of this property and bought the homestead property in Hancock county, which comprises one hundred and eighty-two and a half acres, to which he removed, and here he has resided to the present time, his energies being devoted to general agricultural pursuits and the raising of stock. He has been very progressive and practical in his work so that he has accomplished whatever he has undertaken and is now in possession of four hundred and twenty-one acres of valuable land partly in La Harpe township and partly in Fountain Green township.

Mr. McCord has been three times married, his first union being with Miss Hannah Moore, their marriage being celebrated in 1865. She was born in Terre Haute, Illinois, a daughter of James Moore, and by her marriage became the mother of one son, Arthur, who was born in 1867 and died in infancy. The mother passed away in March, 1868, and for his second wife Mr. McCord chose Amanda Murray, their marriage being celebrated in October, 1873. Her birth occurred at Lebanon, Kentucky, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary Elta (Wilson) Murray, who were likewise natives of Lebanon. The children of this marriage are: Willis, who was born September 4, 1874, and who married Daisy DeHaven. To them were born two children, Edna, now at home, and a son Fay, who died in infancy. Her death occurred November 8, 1902, and Willis McCord then wedded Leila Barret, by whom he has one son,

Harry. Lula Etta McCord, born January 1, 1877, is the wife of Joseph Cameron, a resident of Fountain Green township. They have two children, Vernon and Mamie. Two of the children by Mr. McCord's second marriage died in infancy. Mr. McCord's second wife passed away February 22, 1882. For his third wife Mr. McCord chose Ellen C. Wilson, to whom he was married May 3, 1883. She was born in Hire township, McDonough county, this state, January 17, 1852, and was educated in the district schools near her home. She is a daughter of Thomas and Sallie (Hungate) Wilson, natives of Kentucky, while her paternal grandparents were James and Nancy (Dougherty) Wilson and William and Nancy (White) Hungate, respectively, all natives of the Blue Grass state. By the last marriage of Mr. McCord there have been born six children, of whom two are deceased. Herma Mahala, born May 15, 1884, was married January 25, 1905, to Joseph Freeman. Lloyd Elmer, born October 8, 1886, died August 6, 1896. Alpha M., born May 18, 1887, is with her parents. Fronia Hazel, the next member of the family, was born March 22, 1890. Wilson A., born June 14, 1892, died March 22, 1893. Elva Leona, the youngest, was born March 29, 1894.

In his political views Mr. McCord is a democrat but is not active in the work of the party, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business interests, which are quite extensive. Starting out in life on his own account he possessed a strong determination to succeed in the business world and with this end in view

worked diligently and energetically until he is now one of the prosperous representative agriculturists of Hancock county. In his relations with his fellowmen he has commanded the respect of all and because of his straightforward and honorable dealing his success has been worthily won.

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#### GEORGE BYRON WORTHEN.

George Byron Worthen is well known in Warsaw, being a representative of one of its prominent pioneer families and a native son of the city. He was born June 30, 1837, his parents being Amos H. and Sarah B. (Kimball) Worthen. His father for thirty years state geologist of Illinois, is mentioned on another page of this work. At the usual age George B. Worthen began his education in the public schools and when a youth of fifteen years learned the tinner's trade, which he followed through the succeeding decade. He then turned his attention to the cultivation of a vineyard and fruit farm in Wilcox township, where he resided for thirty-seven years, being a very successful in that line of business. In 1901 he again took up his abode in Warsaw and is now living at the corner of Eighth and Clark streets, his activity and enterprise in former years having brought him a competence that now enables him to live retired.

On December 23, 1868, Mr. Worthen was married to Mrs. Mary L. Death, nee Bedell, then the widow of Absalom Death. She is descended from an old colonial fam-

ily. Her great-grandfather in the paternal line was in the Revolutionary war, and her Grandfather Bedell served in the war of 1812. The great-grandfather was a French Huguenot, and a man of much prominence. Mrs. Worthen was born in Warsaw, in 1839, a daughter of Edward A. and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Bedell. Her father's birth occurred in Syracuse, New York, in 1818, and her mother was born in Ireland in 1819. He came to Illinois when only eight years of age, arriving in 1826, and eventually became one of the prominent and prosperous residents of Warsaw, where he followed merchandising and the real estate business, at one time owning nearly the entire town. He afterward went to Utah, where he was Indian agent at the time of his death, serving under appointment of President Franklin Pierce. He passed away in 1853, when on his way home from Utah. In politics he was a Douglas democrat, and was frequently a delegate to the conventions of his party, wielding a wide influence in local political circles. His wife died at the home of her daughter in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1899, although she always made Warsaw her place of residence. She held membership in the Presbyterian church, while Mr. Bedell was a Methodist in religious faith. He was one of the most prominent residents of Warsaw for many years and wielded a wide influence over public thought and action. In the family were seven children: Mrs. Worthen; Helen, who died at the age of five years; Edward A., who was a soldier of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Regiment and is now connected with the dispensary department at the Vet-

erans' Home in Colorado; Elizabeth Montgomery, the wife of Edmund H. Jones, who resides at San Juan, Porto Rico; LaFayette, who died in childhood; Louis Peyton, of California; and Warren Ashley, who died in childhood. Mrs. Bedell lived in Fort Edwards which was located on a point in the northwest part of Warsaw, when she came to Hancock county in 1835. There was little else in the locality save this fort, which had been erected for protection against the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthen have become the parents of seven children, all born in this county, namely: Henry Knox, who died in infancy; Jesse M., a civil engineer living in Quincy, who married Luella Newell, and has a daughter, Frances Lucile, now seven years of age; two children who died in infancy; George B., a successful attorney at law in Iowa City, Iowa, who married Etta Horstman, and has a daughter, Mary Theye; Amos Henry, who died in infancy; and Edmund Louis. The last named is a graduate of the State University at Champaign, Illinois, and of Cornell College, and is now in the employ of the United States government, located at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Worthen were playmates together in childhood days and are now spending the evening of life together, having traveled life's journey together as man and wife for almost forty years. Mr. Worthen has prospered in his business undertakings and whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his own labors. In politics he is a republican and has served as tax collector of Warsaw and a member of the school board in his township, but

has never been ambitious for political honors. The home which he and his wife occupy was built in 1847, and is one of the old landmarks of the city. It was formerly owned by Mrs. Worthen's mother after her father's death. Mr. and Mrs. Worthen spend much time in travel, largely passing the winter months in Porto Rico, Florida, Texas and other winter resorts. Their home contains many beautiful, rare and tasteful souvenirs of their trips, including a screen which is made of shells and was secured in Porto Rico, together with a set of hangings made of shells of the same kind.

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#### DAVID MACK.

David Mack, deceased, was for many years a distinguished and able lawyer, practicing at the Carthage bar, and his ability in his profession, his devotion to and co-operation in matters of public progress and citizenship and his genuine personal worth endeared him to so large a percentage of the people of this city and county that his death came as a personal bereavement to the great majority. He was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1817, his parents being Alexander and Susanna (Fisher) Mack, also of Adams county. The father was the owner of a large farm in Pennsylvania and he came to the west when seventy-six years of age. In the family were seven sons and three daughters.

David Mack was a self-made man, who

depended upon his own resources for his education as well as the material things of life. He remained with his father until seventeen years of age, working at farm labor. One day, however, he tied his horse and plow to the fence and said, "Father, I am going to college. I have plowed my last row." The father thought he must have been affected by the heat of the sun and made that statement, but the young man replied, "No, I am going tonight." He had thought the matter over carefully and earnestly and carried out his plan by at once entering Miami College in Ohio. He made a statement to the president of his financial condition and also of his ambition to pursue a collegiate course, and arrangements were made whereby he was able to teach in the summer seasons and attend college in the winter months. This he did until he had completed the course in Miami College by graduation. Much of the elemental strength of his character was thus shown forth and as the years passed he developed his latent energies and talents and added to his ability by research, investigation and broad reading.

In 1846 Mr. Mack made his way to Springfield, Illinois, to study law and was there graduated, as was his son a number of years afterward. In 1848 he came to Carthage, where he afterward entered into partnership with Bryant T. Scofield, a connection that was continued for a number of years. He was at different times a partner of Mr. Peterson, Henry Draper and William Baird and later admitted his son, Judge Mack, to a partnership. The favorable opinion which the public passed upon him at the outset of



his career was in no degree set aside or modified as the years went by, but on the contrary was strengthened as he gave evidence of his ability to handle intricate litigated interests. He won notable victories before court or jury and the records give evidence of his connection with most of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district.

On the 10th of March, 1851, Mr. Mack was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Ulrich, who was born on the Hudson river, at Fishkill, New York, on the 27th of November, 1824, a daughter of Louis and Henrietta (Von Reisenkampff) Ulrich. The father died at the home on the Hudson river, where Mrs. Mack was born, when she was fifteen years of age. He was the owner of a large manufacturing plant there and was a very prominent and influential business man. In the family were eight children, all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Mack and her brother, E. R. Ulrich, who is now living in Springfield. By the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mack were born five children, of whom four are yet living: Anna became the wife of William Simms Knight, a Presbyterian minister, who died in 1906. She is now living in Carthage, Missouri, and has three children, Augusta, Ellen and David. Henrietta Mack, who resides at home. David E. Mack married Miss Ellen Carey and with their son Edward yet reside in Carthage. Susanna is the wife of John Firey, a wholesale druggist of Aberdeen, South Dakota, and they have two children, Carl and Margaret.

Mr. Mack gave his early political allegiance to the democracy and after the

war became a stalwart republican, but would never accept any political office, although many have been proffered him. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife now belongs and in which he served as an elder for many years, taking an active and helpful part in church work. In his early years he was a Mason and at all times he was a conscientious and upright man and an enterprising and prominent citizen whose efforts in behalf of public progress were far-reaching and beneficial. He was honored and respected by all and deep regret was felt when his life work was ended on the 20th of September, 1897. Mrs. Mack still survives her husband and occupies the old and beautiful home which he built some years prior to his death. She is a cultured and intelligent woman, greatly admired by those who know her as she bears her eighty-two years lightly.

David Mack was afflicted with near-sighted eyes, and for this reason he was unable to join the ranks of the defenders of the Union during the Civil war, but gave his attention and money to assist the widows and orphans, to which many now living in Carthage can testify.

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#### JAMES BRIDE.

James Bride is now the owner of what is known as the old Bride homestead, formerly in possession of his father and which he received through inheritance. He

was born in St. Albans township, this county, May 28, 1848, a son of Samuel and Esther J. (Dyer) Bride, both of whom were natives of Rutland, Vermont, the former born January 4, 1810, and the latter in October, 1812. The paternal grandfather, William Bride, was a native of Scotland, and married Miss Scripture, who was likewise born in the land of hills and heather. The maternal grandfather was Jonathan Dyer, a native of Vermont. The marriage of Samuel Bride and Esther J. Dyer was celebrated in the Green Mountain state in 1835, and a year later they started with teams for Illinois, traveling across the country by slow stages, often camping by the roadside at night and thus they made their way across the prairies and through the forests until they at length reached Hancock county. They located in St. Albans township, where Mr. Bride purchased a tract of raw prairie land upon which he established his home and began the development of a farm. In 1841, however, he sold that property and removed to Wythe township, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres on section 21. This was all open prairie land, not a furrow having been turned nor an improvement made upon the place, but he at once began to fence his property, erecting buildings and breaking the prairie. He turned the sod on many an acre, dropped the seed, and in due course of time gathered good harvests. He continuously and successfully engaged in general farming until 1871, when he retired from active agricultural pursuits and purchased a residence and about fifteen acres of land in Warsaw. He then gave his attention to the further development and im-

provement of that place until his death, which occurred on the 24th of December, 1893. His widow afterward made her home among her children until she too passed away in January, 1900, subsequent to which time the old home in Warsaw was sold. Mr. Bride was a stalwart republican from the time of the organization of the party and always took an active and helpful interest in politics but was never an office seeker. As a citizen, however, he greatly desired general improvement and progress and did what he could to promote the best interests of his community and his county. Unto him and his wife were born four children: Leroy, who died in infancy in Vermont; Frances E., the wife of Albert Shinn, of Ottawa, Franklin county, Kansas; Wallace S., who is living in Warsaw; James, of this review.

James Bride has always resided upon the old home place in Wythe township, which he inherited from his father while his brother Wallace was given one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining our subject's farm on the west. In his boyhood days James Bride attended the district schools of Wythe township, where he mastered the common branches of English learning and through the periods of vacation he received ample training at farm work, assisting in the labors of field and meadow. Since inheriting the old home property he has erected various buildings upon it. The house was built in 1890 and contains nine rooms. He has planted apple, pear and cherry trees, so that he has considerable fruit upon his place and in addition to the development of the fields he raises stock. His home

stands in the midst of a well kept lawn, adorned with fine shade trees and is one of the attractive farm properties of this part of the county.

On the 20th of April, 1871, Mr. Bride was married to Miss Julia Warne, whose birth occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, May 23, 1847. Her paternal grandparents were Llewellyn and Sarah (Beach) Warne, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father, Abram Warne, was born in Ohio, and having arrived at years of maturity was married to Miss Nancy Allen, also a native of that state, and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Allen. The death of Abram Warne occurred December 3, 1899, while his wife survived until May 18, 1906. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bride has been blessed with three sons and two daughters: Samuel Elmer, who was born June 25, 1872, and is living in Callaway county, Missouri; Cora Esther, who was born October 30, 1874, and is the wife of Joseph Gray, of Wythe township; Florence May, who was born May 11, 1878, and is at home; Frank E., who was born April 3, 1882, and is engaged in the feed business in Keokuk, Iowa; and James K., who was born June 22, 1885, and completes the family.

Politically a republican, Mr. Bride keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is recognized as a local leader in the ranks of his party. He has served for three terms as assessor and has been school trustee since 1900. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church and he is a most active and helpful worker therein, serving at the present time as elder, deacon and treasurer. The church finds in him a devoted member

and he stands for all that is just, true and right in man's relations with his fellow man.

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#### OSCAR EMMET RICHART.

Oscar Emmet Richart, who was a self-made man, his example illustrating what may be accomplished through determination and energy in the active affairs of life, was for many years identified with farming interests in Hancock county and at his death he left not only a very desirable property but also an untarnished name. He was born in Akron, Ohio, February 21, 1837, a son of Thomas and Armina (Capron) Richart. The father was born in Pennsylvania, September 14, 1810, and the mother in the same state October 7, 1811. They were married in 1831 and in 1848 became residents of Hancock county, taking up their abode in what is now called Dallas City but was then East Bend. The father was a stone mason by trade and for several years lived in Dallas City, after which he spent a few years in Kansas. Subsequently he went to Chicago, but his death occurred in Dallas City, November 29, 1893, when he was eighty-three years of age. His political support was given to the Republican party. His wife survived him only a few days, passing away December 9, 1893. Of their five children only one is now living, George Richart, who resides in Chicago.

Oscar E. Richart, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the

public schools of Dallas City and in the district schools of Dallas township. He remained at home with his mother while his father was in Kansas and at the outbreak of the Civil war, responding to his country's call for aid, he enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company K, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but after two years' active service he became ill and was forced to return home.

On the 25th of March, 1865, Mr. Richart was married to Miss Caroline Ramsay, whose birth occurred in Marshall county, Illinois, May 1, 1844, her parents being Samuel and Lovisa (Terry) Ramsay. Her father, a native of Maryland, was born in 1818, while her mother's birth occurred in Ohio in 1820. They spent much of their younger years in Marshall county, Illinois, and in 1856, removed to Hancock county, settling in Dallas township. Mr. Ramsay gave his political support to the democracy and was a citizen of worth, who took deep interest in everything pertaining to general progress and improvement. His wife died in 1874. Of their family of eight children seven are yet living, namely: Mrs. Richart; William, of Dallas City; Mary, the wife of Andrew Byers, of Dallas City; Addison, of Kansas; Elizabeth, the wife of John Layton, of Stronghurst, Penelope, deceased; Stephenson, who is living in Durham township; and Andrew J., of St. Louis, Missouri.

Following his marriage Mr. Richart purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 14, Dallas township. It was covered with timber but he cleared away the trees and brush and in 1889 erected a pleasant residence thereon. He

was then engaged in general farming until his death, which occurred May 28, 1890, his remains being interred in Harris cemetery. He was a man of enterprising spirit, carefully conducted his business affairs and his success was attributable in large measure to his own efforts. He was a mere boy when he started out in life on his own account and he always assisted his mother during her life time.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Richart was blessed with six children, of whom five are still living and all were born upon the old homestead farm. These are Frank C., who lives with his mother; Nellie A., the wife of James Foresman of Pontoosuc township, by whom she has four children, Harry, Lloyd, Hugh and Ruth; Eunice, the wife of William Kyle of Dallas township, by whom she has five children, Corwin, Isabelle, Chester Ernest and Caroll, while Roxy May was born of Mr. Kyle's first marriage. Ernest, a resident farmer of Pontoosuc township, who married Amy Holmes and has one son, Glenn; and Ellice, who is at home with her mother.

Mr. Richart belonged to the Grand Army post and was a republican in his political views. He held various township offices and in all life's relations was found to be a man worthy of the trust reposed in him. He was faithful in citizenship, progressive and reliable in his business life and trustworthy in his friendships. Since her husband's death Mrs. Richart has continued the work of the farm and has erected a barn and granary. In addition to the home place of one hundred and sixty acres she owns

sixty-three acres in Dallas township about a half mile west of her place of residence. She is a refined, intelligent woman, kind-hearted and loyal, and she and her family occupy an enviable position in public regard in the community where they reside.

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### CHARLES C. CRAWFORD.

Charles C. Crawford is the youngest member of an old, prominent and highly respected family of Hancock county, ever characterized by great industry, fair dealing and courteous and obliging treatment of all with whom they have been associated: Like the others of the family he has made rapid strides in his business career and is one of the successful merchants of the town.

His parents, Thomas and Serepta (Daugherty) Crawford, were both representatives of old families of Kentucky, and were born in Bourbon county, the father on the 2d of September, 1812, and the mother on the 23d of April, 1829. Thomas Crawford came with his parents to this county in 1832, the family home being established in Walker township, since which time the name of Crawford has figured prominently and honorably in connection with the substantial growth and development of this part of the state. After some years Thomas Crawford entered a large tract of land in Walker township, there carrying on farming very successfully for many years. Subsequently he purchased a good farm in Wilcox

township, where his aged widow now resides with her son and daughter. He was a stalwart republican in his political views and held various township offices, being justice of the peace for some years, in which capacity he rendered fair and impartial decisions. He was a man of strong character, of good heart and of marked individuality. He was greatly interested in all that tended to advance the county and promote the welfare of its people, and wherever he was known he commanded the respect and good will of those with whom he was associated. He spent nearly his entire life in Walker township, but prior to his death purchased a farm in Wilcox township, whereon his widow still makes her home. His death occurred March 23, 1875, and he was laid to rest in Green Plain cemetery. Mr. Crawford was twice married, and by the first union had three children, of whom two are now living: Alice, the wife of John Stockton, of Denver, Colorado; and Laura, the widow of Uriah Seaton, also of Denver. The children of the second marriage are nine in number, of whom eight reached years of maturity: Mary, the wife of Frank C. Andrews, of Warsaw; Margaret E., who became the wife of Aquila Daugherty, and at her death was laid to rest by her father's side; Virginia, who died in infancy; James F.; William T. and John C., all of Warsaw; Fannie, the wife of L. W. Berry, of Carthage; Cora, who is with her mother; and Charles C., who completes the family.

The last named was born upon the old farm homestead in Walker township, which was also the birthplace of all his brothers and sisters, in the year 1870. He

acquired his education in the district schools near his home and in the public schools of Warsaw, while later he became a student in Parson's College, at Fairfield, Iowa. He then returned to his home and for a brief period was busy upon the home farm but soon afterward entered into partnership with John M. Cherry and opened a drug and book store on Main and Fourth streets in Warsaw. From the beginning success has attended this venture and they now have a profitable trade. The store is thoroughly modern in every particular, and in addition to the line of drugs and books which they carry they also keep a fine line of cut glass and queensware, paints and other commodities, and have a beautiful soda fountain. Their business is one of the leading commercial enterprises of the city and the proprietors are classed with the representative business men.

On the 11th of October, 1905, Mr. Crawford was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Pond, of Blandinsville, Illinois, a daughter of Albert and Ida (Griffin) Pond, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of McDonough county, Illinois. They still reside in Blandinsville, where Mr. Pond is a successful druggist. They have four children, three sons and a daughter: Blanche, now Mrs. Crawford; Charles, who is in the store with his father; Rollo and Robert, both at home. Mr. Crawford has an attractive residence between Fifth and Sixth on Crawford street, and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Crawford is a Mason and pastmaster of his lodge. His father was one of the first Masons of Hancock county and his father

and his brothers, James F. and John C., have all been masters in the fraternity. Charles C. Crawford likewise holds membership with the Maccabees and is a valued representative of these organizations. His business life is characterized by alertness and enterprise which enable him to readily appreciate and improve on opportunity, and through his well directed efforts and unfaltering diligence he is steadily working his way upward. The consensus of public opinion regarding him as a business man is altogether favorable, while socially he is popular and his wife, during the brief period of her residence here, has likewise made many warm friends.

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#### ANTHONY P. LAYTON.

Anthony P. Layton, of Dallas township, is proprietor of the largest nursery in Hancock county and his business is constantly growing in accordance with the spirit of enterprise and close application which he manifests in its control. A native of Burlington, Iowa, he was born July 22, 1864, and is a son of Biard and Margaret (Rose) Layton. The father, born July 2, 1818, is now eighty-eight years of age and is practically living retired in Dallas. His wife, however, died in 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. They came to Hancock county when their son, Anthony P. Layton, was only a year old and the father establishing in business as a nurseryman and farmer. In the family were nine children: William,

of Carthage; Samuel, of Batavia, Iowa; Joseph, of Deadwood, South Dakota; John, of Stronghurst, Illinois; George, also living in Stronghurst; Millard, whose home is in Fairfield, Iowa; Margaret, the wife of John Cathers, of Dallas; Anthony P., and Clara, the wife of Newton Byler, of Durham, Illinois. James, the second eldest child, was killed in the battle of Vicksburg and William served as a teamster in the Civil war.

Anthony P. Layton was educated in the district schools of Hancock county and worked with his father in the nursery business until he attained his majority. He afterward became a partner in the enterprise and they are still associated in the ownership of the nursery, although the father has retired from active business life. Mr. Layton of this review occupies sixty-four acres of land on section 12, Dallas township, which is still owned by his father, and he also owns some unimproved lots in Dallas City. He sells trees, shrubbery, small fruit, plants, and makes a specialty of roses and his nursery business is the most extensive in the county. In earlier days they employed salesmen to dispose of their stock but it has now become so well and favorably known that he now depends on the reputation of his product and a good catalog issued annually to sell his trees and shrubs. He is thoroughly conversant with the best methods of carrying on this work, having had practical experience from his boyhood days to the present time, and the nursery stock which he ships is always of the best quality, so that his goods command a ready sale on the market. In his business he is very suc-

cessful owing to his fine nursery stock and his capable management.

In November, 1905, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Layton and Miss Laura Coman, who was born in Keokuk, Iowa. Mrs. Layton is a member of the Presbyterian church and a most estimable lady, who has gained many warm friends during her residence in this county. Mr. Layton belongs to Knights of Pythias fraternity and is also a member of Dallas City lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 235, of Dallas, of which he served as master for three years and as representative to the grand lodge for three years. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, but he has never sought or desired political office, as his business interests claim his time and attention, making him one of the prosperous and representative residents of his part of the county. The name of Layton has long been associated with the nursery business in this locality and has ever stood as a synonym for commercial integrity and enterprise.

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#### JOHN CHARLES GOEHRING.

In studying the lives and characters of prominent men we are naturally led to inquire into the secret of their success and the motives that prompted their actions. When we trace the career of those whom the world acknowledges as successful and of those who stand highest in public esteem we find that in almost every case they are those who have risen gradually by

their own efforts, their diligence and perseverance. These qualities are undoubtedly based in a large measure by the gentleman whose name introduces this review, and added to these is a devotion to principle that may well be termed the keynote of his character. It is this which commands the confidence and respect so uniformly given him, and it was this that secured him the liberal patronage which was accorded him during the long period of his connection with commercial interests in Warsaw. Now he is living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. He was born in Saxony, Germany, March 2, 1836, and was educated in the public schools. In 1866 he came to America, landing in New York and after three weeks he went to New Jersey and thence to Philadelphia. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Warsaw, where he has since lived. He was for a time connected with the woolen mills as a weaver, working there for about four years, and on the expiration of that period he began business on his own account as a dry goods merchant, conducting his store continuously and successfully until 1906, when he sold out. His business grew from a small beginning to an enterprise of large proportions, being the most extensive store of its kind in Warsaw. His methods were such as would always bear close investigation and scrutiny. He sought success along honorable lines, believing that it would come to him if he was straightforward in his dealings, resolute in his purpose and energetic in all that he undertook.

On the 24th of July, 1872, Mr. Goehring was married to Miss Amalie Koladzký, a daughter of John and Margaret

(Spleict) Koladzký. She was born in Holstein, Germany, August 24, 1842, and came alone to Hancock county when twenty-one years of age. Here, however, she joined a sister and an uncle, who had previously crossed the Atlantic, and since that time she has continuously lived in this part of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Goehring were born six children but three have passed away—Marie, who died at the age of two ears; Henry, at the age of nine months; and Amanda when three years old. Those who still survive are: John; Emily, the wife of Dr. J. R. Blan, a practicing physician at Eliza, Illinois; and Hannah, at home. In 1886 Mr. Goehring purchased a fine residence of Mr. Miller and now has one of the beautiful homes in Warsaw, which he occupies, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, surrounded by many of the comforts and luxuries that go to make life worth living. He is a member of the Lutheran church and where national issues are involved he votes with the Republican party but otherwise casts an independent ballot. Mr. Goehring has been a man of commanding influence in the community and county and is widely known and honored. He is always on the right side of questions affecting moral and educational interests and is known as a man of sterling integrity. He has a wide acquaintance and his friends are numerous, having been gained by his personal worth and his outspoken devotion to the best interests of the community. In the summer of 1906 Mr. Goehring made a visit to his old home in Saxony, Germany, where he renewed acquaintance with a few old friends.



## SMITH F. BRYAN.

Smith F. Bryan, one of the representative and prominent agriculturists of Hancock county, is a native of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred November 17, 1832. He is a son of Jacob and Mary (Bagley) Bryan, the former a native of New Jersey, while the latter was born in New York. His paternal grandparents were William and Mary (Suphon) Bryan, likewise natives of New Jersey, while the maternal grandparents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Showerman) Bagley. During his residence in the Keystone state, the father, Jacob Bryan, followed the occupation of farming, and also engaged to some extent in shoemaking, doing work of this character for his own family and for his neighbors during his evenings after his work in the fields was done. Hoping to enjoy better business opportunities in the new and unimproved regions of the west, Jacob Bryan removed with his family in 1840, to Illinois, traveling by steamer down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Warsaw, where they arrived May 12th of that year. They then continued their journey overland to La Harpe, where they took up their abode on land known as the Gettings farm, which was situated four miles north of the city. He rented that place for two years, and then having saved sufficient capital to justify the purchase of land, he invested in a tract of two hundred acres, lying on section 3, La Harpe township, and forty acres of timber land lying on section 10. The tract of two hundred acres was all wild prairie, and Mr. Bryan at once set

to work to clear the fields and further improve the place by the erection of a home and out buildings. The first house which the family occupied was made of sod, in which they continued their residence for three years, when a more substantial frame house was erected. He continued the arduous task of developing and cultivating new land by his careful management and well directed energy he at length gathered good crops and was thus enabled from time to time to increase his landed possessions and further improve his place. During this time, however, the family endured many hardships and privations incident to life in a new and undeveloped region but as the years passed by and other settlements were made they were enabled to enjoy more conveniences and comforts of life. Mr. Bryan purchased one hundred and sixty acres adjoining his original purchase, and also bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Henderson county, besides purchasing other tracts of both improved and timber land from time to time. On the 2d of November, 1857, however, he purchased a tract of twenty acres located near La Harpe, for which he paid one hundred dollars per acre, and on which he took up his abode, his death there occurring March 26, 1881, when he had reached the very venerable age of eighty-seven years, for his birth had occurred August 15, 1794. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bryan were born six children, as follows: Rice B., born June 4, 1826, passed away in Kansas. Hannah, who was born July 9, 1828, met her death in a runaway October 22, 1850. Cowden M., born June 16, 1830, died December 9, 1884. Smith

F., whose name introduces this record, is the next of the family. John F., born January 3, 1836, died March 8, 1864, while serving his country in the Civil war, having enlisted as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteers. Elizabeth B., born March 22, 1839, became the wife of J. W. Cassingham, and her death occurred October 21, 1886. After the death of the father, the mother made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Cassingham, until the latter's death, when she went to live with our subject, where she remained until her death, February 21, 1898, when she had reached the very advanced age of ninety-three years, her birth having occurred March 26, 1805.

Smith F. Bryan shared with the family in the hardships of life on the frontier and assisted his father in the arduous task of developing and cultivating his land. He began his education in the early subscription schools of Pennsylvania and after the removal of the family to this state continued his studies in the common schools, but his advantages in this direction were very limited, owing to the unsettled condition of the country and the meager facilities that were offered along educational lines. He has, however, in later life through reading and investigation become a well informed man. He continued under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, January 28, 1859, at which time he was married to Miss Delina Painter, whose birth occurred November 13, 1836, she being the fifth white female child born in Hancock county. She is a daughter of Joseph T. and Phebe (Rea) Painter, the former

born in Philadelphia, March 25, 1800, while the mother's birth occurred in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1809. The paternal great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Bryan came to the United States on the Mayflower, and his son, Robert Painter, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Her paternal grandparents bore the names of William and Martha (Torton) Painter, natives of the Keystone state, while her maternal grandparents were John and Anna (White) Rea, the latter a daughter of William and Mary (Webster) White. The father of Mrs. Bryan, Joseph T. Painter, on leaving Pennsylvania removed to Missouri in 1816, making the journey on a flat boat down the Ohio river. In January, 1823, however, he returned to his native state, where he continued to reside until June, 1836, at which time he made his way to Illinois, landing in Hancock county, where the town of Pontoosuc is now located. He and his family then walked to La Harpe—a distance of twelve miles, where the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land located on section 9, and a tract of eighty acres in timber on the same section. Here he hewed the lumber with which to erect a home for himself and family, and began the work of clearing and cultivating his land. This proved an arduous task but he possessed a resolute spirit and by the assistance of his estimable wife he soon had a well developed farm, on which he had placed many improvements. In 1838 he built the first sawmill in Hancock county, and his brother-in-law, Henry Reynolds, built the first grist mill in this section of the country, both being run by

water power. This pioneer couple continued to make their home in Hancock county throughout their remaining days, the mother passing away August 29, 1842, while the father survived for many years, his death occurring September 9, 1875.

Following his marriage Smith F. Bryan removed to a farm near La Harpe, which he rented for several years, and then made purchase of the farm formerly owned by his father-in-law, Mr. Painter. At the outbreak of the Civil war, however, Mr. Bryan put aside all business and personal considerations, and enlisted as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, joining the company at Terre Haute, Illinois, on the 14th of August, 1862. They were assigned to duty with the Thirteenth Army Corps under General Mc. Clernard, General Osterhouse acting as brigadier commander. Mr. Bryan participated in many of the important and hard-fought battles, including the siege of Vicksburg and Grand Gulf, the siege at Jackson, and many other places. During his service he was injured in the left hip by the explosion of a shell, after which he was sent to a hospital in Keokuk in April, 1865. He had many very narrow escapes while at the front. He received an honorable discharge June 5, 1865, after which he returned to his home, and resumed his farming operations, and has here continued to make his home to the present time, being now one of the valued factors in the agricultural life of Hancock county. Mrs. Bryan also had two brothers who served their country in the Civil war. Charles T., born February 18,

1831, enlisted in the same company in which her husband did duty, and he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. His death occurred in Terre Haute, May 30, 1892. The other brother, Arion, who was born January 25, 1842, became a member of Company B, Twenty-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and died during the service, in the Marine Hospital at Cincinnati, April 26, 1862.

Unto our subject and his wife were born five sons and three daughters, namely: Emma V., who was born December 6, 1859, and is now the wife of James T. Brown, a resident of La Harpe; Ida May, who was born July 28, 1861, and died October 25, 1865; Joseph P., who was born December 9, 1862, and died August 10, 1891; John F., who was born July 25, 1865, and now resides in La Harpe township; William E., living on the home farm, born September 4, 1867; James R., who was born September 15, 1869, and is a resident of Belfast, Iowa; Mary A., born June 13, 1872, who is the widow of Elmer Spiker, and resides at Waterloo, Iowa; and Charles C., who was born March 14, 1876, and is a barber residing at Terre Haute, Illinois.

Politically Mr. Bryan has always given staunch support to the Republican party and served as assessor of his township for one term. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church at La Harpe, and his life is guided by high principles and good deeds. His military record is one of which he has every reason to be proud for during the service of his country he displayed unfaltering loyalty on the battle-fields of the south. As a pioneer of this portion of

the state he has seen many wonderful changes as the work of transformation and development has been carried on along all lines of agricultural, industrial and commercial activity, and in the advancement of the agricultural life of the county no man has taken a more active and helpful part than he whose name introduces this review. Having spent the greater part of his life here he has a wide and favorable acquaintance and both he and his estimable wife enjoy the high esteem of all with whom they are brought in contact.

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#### DAVID ALLEN ROBINSON.

David Allen Robinson, one of the venerable citizens of Wythe township, has passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Muskingum county, Ohio, on the 2d of April, 1826. His paternal grandfather, Israel Robinson, married a Miss Hedge, and their son Silas, father of our subject, was born in Virginia, and wedded Polly Warne, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Abram and Sarah (Pierce) Warne.

David Allen Robinson pursued his education in the common schools of Ohio, and when a young man of twenty-two years left home in 1848, and with a comrade traveled by stage to Colorado and thence on one of the old-time railroads to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they took passage on a steamer, the E. W. Stevens, that proceeded down the Ohio and

Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. At St. Louis they boarded the Edward Bates, which was blown up a short time afterward. Upon the latter vessel they proceeded to Warsaw, Illinois, and Mr. Robinson soon secured employment as a book agent. After a month or two, however, he began chopping wood and continued at that work during the winter for about five years, while in the summer seasons he engaged in breaking prairie. Thus he made his start upon the frontier. Subsequently he worked as a farm hand until he and his brother Barzillai were able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, constituting the northeast quarter of section 8, Wythe township. This was a tract of wild prairie, on which not a furrow had been turned nor an improvement made. They built a rail fence and broke the land and also erected thereon a frame house. When arrangements had been thus far completed for the development of their home they were joined by their father, mother and another brother, Abram Robinson, who came from Ohio. Soon after the marriage of David A. Robinson the land was divided among the members of the family, his tract comprising four hundred and eighty acres in all. The first one hundred and sixty acres which had been purchased fell to the share of his brother Barzillai, while Mr. Robinson took as his share one hundred and sixty acres just south. The third brother, Abram, secured the southwest quarter of the same section, and thus the three brothers continued to reside in the same neighborhood and were prominent and active forces in the development of this part of the county. Upon the land

which David A. Robinson secured there was an old house, while forty acres had been broken, but there were no fences. He at once began fencing the place and he broke the remainder of the land. He also made additions and improvements to the house from time to time and as the years passed transformed his property into a valuable and well improved farm, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and adding many modern improvements.

On the 8th of January, 1856, Mr. Robinson won as a companion and help-mate for life's journey. Miss Laura D. Chandler, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Lorinda (Bliss) Chandler, who came to Hancock county by canal through Ohio, and thence by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Warsaw. They settled in Wilcox township among its earliest residents and shared in the hardships and privations of pioneer life while assisting in the work of establishing a home upon the frontier. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson was blessed with seven children: Nira, at home; Harriet, who is the widow of Fred Wood and resides with her parents; Grace, the wife of Edward Albers, of Warsaw; Florence, at home; Laura, the wife of C. A. McFeters, of Bolton, Missouri; Chandler, who is living in southern Minnesota; and Allen, who deals in horses and mules at Hamilton.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Robinson added eighty acres to his place and later purchased one hundred and twenty acres more in this county. He also became the owner of four hundred and

forty acres in Gentry county, Missouri, and two hundred and forty acres in Sherman county, Nebraska, thus making judicious and extensive investments in real estate as his financial resources have permitted. He has also carried on general farming and stock-raising. At two different times he has lived in Warsaw for two years each time, but has remained for the most part upon his farm, and has transformed it into one of the best improved farm properties in the county. In 1885 he erected a fine residence, containing ten rooms, and he has planted all of the shade and fruit trees upon the place, having an orchard of three acres. He also has a large barn eighty by forty feet, with twenty-four-foot posts, affording ample shelter for grain and stock. In 1887 he sank an artesian well to the depth of eight hundred and twenty-six feet. When the drilling was completed it spouted twenty feet in the air, but the stream has been gradually receding until now it is eighteen feet below the surface. He has the water piped about a half mile for the benefit of the stock upon his place. All of the improvements are in keeping with ideas of progress along agricultural lines and his extensive holdings are the visible evidence of a life of enterprise and thrift. Now in the evening of his days he has a fine property, from which he derives a good income, supplying him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life—a fitting reward for his earnest and indefatigable toil in former years. In his political views he is a republican and in religious faith a Presbyterian. He has ever lived so as to command the respect and good

will of his fellowmen, his life exemplifying most honorable principles.

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### PHILLIP DALLAM.

Phillip Dallam, editor and proprietor of the *Warsaw Bulletin*, was born in St. Louis, May 22, 1853. His father, Francis A. Dallam, was a native of Butler, Kentucky, born in November, 1824. His education was acquired in St. Louis, where he went when a young boy, and when still but a lad he became connected with newspaper work and subsequently was owner and editor of various journals at Potosi, Missouri, Quincy, Illinois, Oquawka, Illinois, and finally at Warsaw, Illinois. At the time of the Civil war he took the first company from Henderson county, Illinois, this being known as Company E of the Tenth Illinois Infantry, and after serving for some time as captain he was promoted to the rank of major, and still later to adjutant general on the staff of General L. F. Ross. After about eighteen months' active service he was forced to leave the army on account of ill health and went to Nevada and California to recuperate. While in Nevada he was on the editorial staff of the *Virginia City Enterprise*, and during that time he served as a member of the constitutional convention, which made Nevada a state. He continued his residence in the west for about two and a half years, after which he returned to Oquawka, Illinois. He was fond of

change, however, and lived at various places, coming in May, 1867, to Warsaw, where he died in March, 1868. He married Miss Anna M. McKee, whose parents were early residents of St. Louis. In their family were nine children: Frank M., now of Loomis, Washington; William H., deceased; Philip; Guy M. and Thomas A., who have passed away; Nellie B., the deceased wife of Truman Plantz, who is attorney general of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is represented elsewhere in this volume; Richard, who is in the printing business in St. Louis; Anna, the wife of John P. Hill, of Minnesota; and John E., who is an Episcopal clergyman and is now chaplain in the regular army, having resigned his charge in Minnesota and enlisted for service in the Philippines. The mother still survives and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hill, of Minnesota.

Phillip Dallam largely acquired his education in the public schools of Oquawka, Quincy and Warsaw, becoming a resident of the last named place when a youth of fourteen years. Soon afterward he took up the newspaper work, entering the office of the *Warsaw Bulletin* on the 1st of January, 1868. He has since been continuously connected with this paper save for the period of his service in the Spanish-American war, when he served as paymaster under appointment of President McKinley for nearly a year. The *Bulletin*, formerly the *Record*, was established in August, 1865, by Henry Lick, who conducted it until May, 1867, with two partners, Messrs. Blyth and Schiffger. In 1867 F. A. Dallam became proprietor and conducted the paper for ten months, and

he was succeeded by his son, Frank M. Dallam, who took charge in March, 1868, and remained as editor and proprietor until May 1, 1875, when he was succeeded by his brother, Philip Dallam, who is the oldest editor in consecutive service in the county, having published the Bulletin as proprietor for thirty-one years, while his connection therewith covers a period of almost thirty-nine years. In 1891 he erected the present building in which the paper is published and enlarged the plant. The paper today has a much greater circulation than it had when Mr. Dallam took charge, and is gradually increasing.

Mr. Dallam has never aspired to political honors. He has been a member of the library board for more than twenty years and has been president of the Young Men's Homestead and Loan Association since its organization in 1883.

On the 17th of March, 1880, Philip Dallam was married to Miss Eugenia A. Hunt, a daughter of Milton T. and Helen M. (Baldwin) Hunt. Their family has numbered six children: Philip H., now in the state auditor's office at Springfield, Illinois; Edith E., who is a graduate of the New England Musical College, at Boston, and also of Oberlin College, of Ohio, and is now a teacher of music in Howard College, Gallatin, Tennessee; Clara H., a teacher in the public schools of Warsaw; Milton H., who died at the age of five months; Anna Therese, a student in the public schools of Warsaw; and Frances Paca, who died October 20, 1900, at the age of six years. The mother passed away on the 25th of April of the succeeding year at the age of forty-two, comparatively a young woman.

### LINUS CRUISE.

Linus Cruise, attorney-at-law of the Carthage bar, was born in Connersville, Indiana, April 5, 1859, a son of John and Margaret (Moore) Cruise. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1826, while the mother's birth occurred in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1825. He removed from the Keystone state to Ohio and afterward to Connersville, Indiana, where he engaged in merchandising until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861 he enlisted in response to the country's call for troops as a member of an Indiana regiment and participated in several battles. At the battle of Chickamauga he lost his life and was buried upon the field, there being about thirteen thousand Union men killed in that engagement. It was the day the Union line was extended and the rebels took advantage of the same. In his political views Mr. Cruise was a democrat but without aspiration for office. His wife survived him for many years, passing away on the 13th of February, 1899. In 1865 she removed with her seven children to Adams county, Illinois, where she located upon a farm, there residing until her children reached adult age, while later she took up her abode in Hancock county, settling near Burnside. The following is the record of the family: R. B. is living in Burnside. Isabella became the wife of John J. Walker, who died some years prior to the death of his wife, who passed away in 1881, leaving one child, Ella, who is now the wife of Frank Wilkes, a resident of Adams county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes have four children, Mer-

lin, Wesley, Maude and Olive. George W. Cruise, the third member of the family, now living in Dallas, Texas, married Francis Lanier, who is deceased. In their family were nine children: Elsie, who is married and has two children; Alva, Eddie, Estey (deceased), Claude, Palmer, Ruth, Francis and Sidney. Fannie Cruise is acting as housekeeper for her two brothers at Burnside, Illinois. John is living in Burnside. Linus is the next of the family. Margaret is the wife of F. M. Hammerick, of Burnside, and has two sons, Harold and Aubrey, aged respectively twelve and six years.

Mr. Cruise of this review was educated in the district schools of Adams county, in the Camp Point high school and in the State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. He pursued his law course in Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1897. In the fall of that same year he opened a law office in Carthage and is a general practitioner in this city and county. From the beginning he has enjoyed a good clientage and his business has constantly increased along safe and gratifying lines and he has in more recent years been connected with much of the important litigation tried in the courts of his district and is regarded as a safe counselor and strong advocate.

In 1890 Mr. Cruise was married to Miss Anna H. Gentry, who was born in Bloomington, Monroe county, Indiana, January 26, 1863, a daughter of John T. and Harriet J. (Shreves) Gentry. Her mother was born in Indiana and her father was a native of North Carolina. Mr. Gentry was a farmer by occupation

and when Mrs. Cruise was two months of age he removed to Pilot Grove township, Illinois, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, of which he was a staunch advocate. He died January 14, 1873, while his wife passed away January 9, 1903, the former being laid to rest in Pilot Grove cemetery and the latter in Ross Ridge cemetery in Carthage. They were members of the Baptist church and were people of the highest respectability. In their family were six children. William R. Gentry, the eldest, died in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1881, leaving a widow, who in her maidenhood was Malinda J. Scott, and two children, William M. and Lillian. The former married Grace Daggert, resides in Denver, Colorado, and has one child, Vivian Mildred, now five years of age. Joshua N. Gentry, now residing near McMinnville, Oregon, married Miss Mary A. Brechtel, who died in Norton, Kansas, in 1902, leaving two children, Orin C., who married Miss Helen Burnett, of Norton, Kansas; and Mabel, the wife of August Ford, residing at McMinnville, Oregon. Mary died in infancy. John M. Gentry, the third member of the family, now living at Hyannis, Nebraska, married Miss Fannie Monnahan and has three children: Carver, aged fifteen; John, who died in infancy; and Raymond, aged six years. Mrs. Cruise is the next of the family. Fannie J. Gentry became the wife of Thomas J. McFarland and they reside in Carthage.

Mrs. Cruise began her education in the district schools of Pilot Grove township



and was graduated from the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, in the class of 1884. She successfully taught school for several years in Hancock county. By her marriage she has become the mother of one son, Orville Gentry Cruise, who was born December 17, 1890, in Pilot Grove township and died January 17, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Cruise are devoted members of the Christian church, in which he has served as deacon and for two years has been one of its elders. His wife belongs to the Society of Willing Workers and the Missionary Society, while Mr. Cruise has been assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. They both take a very active and helpful part in the work of the church and Sunday-school and their labors have been effective and far-reaching. Mrs. Cruise read law at home with her husband while he was pursuing his law course in Des Moines and is an able assistant to him in his profession. They reside on Madison street, north of the public square, where Mr. Cruise purchased a home several years ago. In a profession where advancement depends entirely upon individual merit he has worked his way steadily upward and today occupies a prominent position in professional circles in Carthage. In his political views he is a democrat, but has never been an aspirant for office, serving on the school board for several years but in no other official positions. He has preferred to give his undivided time and attention to his practice and his devotion to his clients' interests is proverbial. He has a comprehensive knowledge of law, is correct in its adaptation and in the trial

of a case shows great strength by reason of his earnest study, his analytical mind and his logical deductions.

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#### HENRY G. LINNENBURGER.

Henry G. Linnenburger possesses much mechanical genius and is one of the enterprising agriculturists of Walker township, where he now has a splendidly improved property, his farm with all of its fine equipments being the visible evidence of his life of thrift, enterprise and capability, and he justly merits the success that he has achieved and is well worthy of the esteem and admiration which are tendered him by his friends and neighbors for what he has accomplished. Mr. Linnenburger is a native of Walker township, having been born here in 1862. His parents, Charles and Mary (Susick) Linnenburger, were natives of Germany, born in the year 1829. They came to America in early life, crossing the Atlantic on one of the old-time sailing vessels, which required weeks to make a voyage that is now accomplished in about the same number of days, making their way to Hancock county, settling in Walker township. After several years' residence here upon a farm he was married. He has since devoted his attention to the general agricultural pursuits in this part of the county, and both he and his wife are yet living in Walker township. His political support is given to the Republican party, but he has never been an office seeker. In the

family are six children: Minnie, who became the wife of Henry Altheide, and died in 1888; Henry, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Gottlieb Haner, living in Walker township; Mary, the widow of Joseph Altheide, also a resident of Walker township; Matilda, the wife of William Wallbrink, of Wythe township; and Annie, the wife of Edward Wallbrink, of Rocky Run township.

Henry Linnenburger had somewhat limited educational privileges, although he attended school to some extent in Rocky Run township. He engaged in farming on his own account to some extent before he attained his majority, having been reared to the occupation and trained to habits of industry, economy and perseverance. In 1883 he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Eliza Whitlege, who was born in Kentucky in 1862, a daughter of Overall K. and Frances (Wheeler) Whitlege, also natives of the Blue Grass state. The father died during the early girlhood of his daughter, Mrs. Linnenburger, and the mother afterward came to Hancock county in 1872, settling in Walker township. At a later date, however, she returned to Kentucky, where she now resides. She was the mother of five children but only two are now living, Robert Whitlege, of Warsaw, and Mrs. Linnenburger.

For a year after his marriage Mr. Linnenburger resided in Rocky Run township, and then purchased one hundred and thirty-five acres of land, of which sixty acres is on section 6, and seventy-five acres on section 7, Walker township. In 1885 he erected here a cottage and he has made all of the other substantial improvements

upon the place. He has forty acres of timber land on section 27, Walker township, in addition to his home property and he is regarded as a successful farmer and stock-raiser. He possesses much more than ordinary mechanical ingenuity. In fact, his ability is such as may well entitle him to be called a genius. His large, modern granary, tool house, blacksmith shop and summer house are substantial and attractive buildings which are an ornament to his farm and a monument to his own labor, for he built them all with his own hands. Beside thorough understanding of the carpenter's trade he is equally proficient as a blacksmith and does all of his own horse shoeing and other blacksmithing work. He also has one or two private telephone lines, putting in his own switchboard and doing all of this work himself.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Linnenburger have been born three children: Lelia, the wife of Charles Ewing, of Walker township, by whom she has one son, Truman; Charles, who was born in 1888, and is at home; and Winnard, twelve years of age, also at home. Mr. and Mrs. Linnenburger have also reared an adopted son, John Homer, who married Lina Hastings, by whom he has one child, John Henry. He and his family now reside in Walker township. Mr. and Mrs. Linnenburger also received into their home in 1906 a little girl, Ethel Climer, ten years of age. Thus out of the kindness of their hearts they have given homes to two children, a fact for which they deserve much credit. They are both members of the Christian church, and those who know them and know aught of their kindly purposes and

their many good deeds as well as their fidelity to high principles, know them to be most consistent Christian people. Mr. Linnenburger is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Warsaw and for six years he has served as a school director. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party. It is rarely that one finds a more chivalrous man, and it is needless to say that his is a happy home. With few advantages in his youth and with little material assistance during his business life he has steadily worked his way upward and is today one of the substantial farmers of the county with a splendid property as proof of his well directed labors and capable management.

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#### GEORGE C. LACROIX.

George C. LaCroix is a representative farmer of Appanoose, his native township. He was born on section 32, his natal day being September 20, 1848. His parents were Andrew and Chloe Ann (Osborn) LaCroix, the former a native of France, and the latter of Bainbridge, Ohio. By a former marriage to a Mr. Henry, Mrs. LaCroix had two daughters: Josephine, now deceased; and Adelaide, the wife of Leonard Hobbs, of Nauvoo. In 1844, Andrew LaCroix came to Nauvoo. He had one son by his first marriage, Isaac LaCroix, who died in the army in 1864. He was married a second time in Rushville, Schuyler county, Illinois. Follow-

ing his arrival in Nauvoo he purchased seventy-six acres on section 32, Appanoose township, and later his wife bought ten acres adjoining. He began building a house but had only completed it to the first story, when, in 1850, he started for California, traveling across the plains with teams. He spent two years on the Pacific coast and then returned by way of the isthmus route to New Orleans. In that city he contracted a cold which caused his death April 31, 1853. He brought back with him twenty-two hundred dollars as the result of his two years' labor in the Golden state. His wife survived him for more than two decades and passed away July 31, 1875.

George C. LaCroix was the younger of two sons, his brother being James LaCroix, of Los Angeles, California. George C. LaCroix remained with his mother on the old homestead until her death and then bought the interest of the other heirs in the property, to which he has since added sixty-six acres all on section 32, Appanoose township. He now has one hundred and ten acres in the home place and forty acres on the northeast corner of the same section, together with ten acres of timber on section 22, Appanoose township. A house, a story and a half construction of eight rooms, was built by his father, and to this Mr. LaCroix has made additions, converting it into a good modern home. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and is careful in the management of his business interests, which are resulting profitably to him. His farm is an old historic place in Hancock county, for the battle with the Mormons took

place right in front of his house and the father witnessed the engagement from the housetop.

On the 23d of March, 1871, Mr. LaCroix was married to Miss Caroline Rentschler, a native of Nauvoo, and a daughter of John M. and Annie (Snearlery) Rentschler, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. In their family were four children, who are yet living, while the family record is as follows: Christ, a resident of California; John, who died in Colorado, in September, 1895, leaving a wife and five children; George, who died March 30, 1903, in Corning, Arkansas; Fred, of Denver, Colorado, who is married and has two children; Mrs. LaCroix; and Anne and Sophia, twins. The former is the wife of William Webber, and the latter is the widow of George Bressler, of Breckenridge, Colorado.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. LaCroix was blessed with three sons and three daughters. Chloe Adelaide, born October 5, 1872, was married December 25, 1905, to Charles Smith, of Cripple Creek, Colorado. Harry A., born September 10, 1874, married Grace McCullom in December, 1905. Minnie E., who was born December 14, 1876, was married February 11, 1902, to Ed Ainsworth, of Mason City, Illinois. Fred C., born May 8, 1882, resides in Cripple Creek, Colorado. Jesse Raymond, born August 17, 1887, and Mildred Helen, December 25, 1892, are at home.

Mr. LaCroix exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, and in his fraternal relations he is a Mason, who exemplifies in his life the beneficent spirit of the craft,

which is based upon mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. He has always lived upon the old homestead and the lessons of industry and integrity which he learned in his youth have been carefully followed and have made him a prosperous and honored business man and farmer of Appanoose township.

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#### ROBERT L. CARLTON.

Robert L. Carlton, proprietor of a restaurant in Carthage, his business making him a foremost representative of this line of commercial activity, was born in Carthage, September 9, 1868, his parents being George W. and Nancy (Boyles) Carlton, natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and removed from Kentucky to Woodville, Illinois, in the year 1840. There he followed farming for a number of years and in 1851 came to Carthage, Hancock county. Soon afterward he settled upon a farm near the city, on which he made many substantial improvements, but this farm has now been cut up into town lots. He died in the year 1896 and his wife survived until February, 1905, both being buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. Her brother, Archibald Boyles, served throughout the Civil War with the Union army and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea and also participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C. Unto George Carlton by his first wife there were born five

children, four of whom are living: A. I., a resident of Carthage; Susan, the wife of John T. Davis; O. P.,; and Marietta, the wife of Thomas W. Davis. All are living in Carthage. Mr. Carlton's second wife was the mother of our subject and in their family were ten children, of whom eight are living: George E., who resides in the state of Washington; Edward, of Galesburg, Illinois; Eliza, the wife of J. H. McQuary, of Monett, Missouri; Alice, the wife of Richard McCrellias, of Carthage, Illinois; William H., of Monett, Missouri; Robert L.; Minerva E., the wife of Charles A. Starkey; and Richard B. Carlton, whose home is in Keokuk, Iowa. One son of the family, O. P. Carlton, served during the latter part of the Civil war.

Robert L. Carlton at the usual age entered the public schools and therein continued his studies until he was well equipped for life's practical and responsible duties. He resided upon his father's farm until twenty years of age, when he was married. It was in March, 1888, that he wedded Miss Ella Smith, a native of this county and a daughter of John Smith, who was a carpenter by trade but has been dead for many years. Her mother has also passed away and both were buried in Oak Grove cemetery. Their seven living children are: Henry, a resident of Oklahoma; Sylvester, who is living in Carthage; A. B., residing in this city; Edward, of Oklahoma; Homer, of Missouri; Mrs. Carlton; and Emma, the wife of Harvey Ellington, of Keokuk, Iowa.

Following his marriage Mr. Carlton lived for nine years on one of his father's

farms, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising and his business activity and careful management constitute the basis of a very gratifying success. In 1898 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 5th of January of that year and was laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery. She was a devoted member of the Christian church, was a kind friend, a good neighbor and a devoted and loving wife and mother. She left two children, Hazel E. and Claude, aged respectively fourteen and eleven years and now students in the public schools. In February, 1900, Mr. Carlton was married to Miss Alda J. Mosley, who was born in Hancock township and is a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Gibson) Mosley. The father is a farmer of Hancock county and is an advocate of the democracy. In the family are seven living children: Arthur, who makes his home in this county; Taylor, Luther, both of Carthage; Mrs. Alda Carlton; Ida, the wife of Homer Nelson, of Fountain Green, Illinois; Lawrence, who is with his father in Hancock township; and Dena, at home with her parents.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton has been blessed with four children: Edith, five years of age; Kenneth and Ruth, aged respectively four and two years; and Leah less than a year old. Since 1900 Mr. Carlton has been engaged in the restaurant business on Main street and has a larger patronage than any other merchant in this line in the city. He serves regular meals and lunches, ice cream and soda water and his establishment is a favorite resort with those who have patronage to bestow. His close application to his business and

his earnest desire to please his patrons have been strong elements in his growing trade. He votes with the democracy and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias and with the Modern Woodmen. His wife is a sincere member of the Christian church. They occupy his father's old home place, which he purchased and which is situated on Wabash avenue. Mr. Carlton is a jovial, pleasant gentleman of good principles, affable in manner and friendly in disposition and both he and his wife are popular in the community.

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#### JOHN E. COCHRAN.

John E. Cochran, a highly respected farmer of Wythe township, is numbered among the residents that Pennsylvania has furnished to Hancock county. He was born in Westmoreland county, of the Keystone state, September 9, 1841, a son of James and Nancy (Elder) Cochran, who were also born in that county. His paternal grandfather, John Cochran, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, while the maternal grandparents, John and Sarah (Rose) Elder, were natives of Pennsylvania, but were of English lineage, the family having been established in Pennsylvania at an early day. James Cochran, father of our subject, followed the occupation of farming and conducted salt works in Pennsylvania for many years, but at length, attracted by the opportunities of the new and

growing west, he came to Hancock county, arriving in Bear Creek township, on the 14th of November, 1862. There he lived for eighteen years and became the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and twenty acres of prairie and timber land. It was unimproved when it came into his possession, but he placed it under a high state of cultivation, developing an excellent farm property. As his son, John E. Cochran, was the eldest of the family, much of the work devolved upon him. In 1870 the parents removed to Wythe township, where they purchased one hundred and forty acres of land on section 16, and thereon made their home until called to their final rest. The father died on the 14th of August, 1895, while his wife survived until the 2d of November, 1900. They were most highly esteemed people and during the long years of their residence in this county won the friendship and high regard of many with whom they were brought in contact. In their family were five sons and two daughters.

John E. Cochran, the eldest, spent his youth in Pennsylvania and acquired a district school education there. He was a young man of about twenty-one years at the time of the removal of the family to Illinois, and he did much of the arduous work connected with the development of a new farm, turning the first furrows on many an acre. At length he began farming on his own account and eventually he traded a sixty-acre farm as partial payment for a tract of two hundred and forty acres. He lived upon the latter place until 1882, when he came to Wythe township and bought one hundred and

sixty acres on section 22, the purchase price being nine thousand dollars. He sold his first place in 1887 for seven thousand dollars, and in the spring of 1906 it was sold for nineteen thousand. On removing to his present property Mr. Cochran at once began its further cultivation and development. He had dug a forty-foot well, which is the finest in the township. He now has twenty feet of water in the well and has erected in connection therewith a windmill. He has also built a two-story frame residence of eight rooms with cellar of cement sides and floor. He has also installed an acetylene gas lighting plant and altogether has one of the most modern and attractive homes of this part of the county. He has likewise built a large barn forty by sixty feet with twenty-four-foot posts, and it has capacity for two thousand bushels of corn. He has a nice house, carriage sheds and various other buildings upon his farm, and altogether it is a model property, lacking in none of the equipments and accessories known to the best farms of the twentieth century. There is a fine apple orchard and everything about the place indicates the careful supervision of the owner through its neat and thrifty appearance.

On the 7th of March, 1867, Mr. Cochran was married to Miss Rachel Moore, who was born about a mile and a half north of Basco in Bear Creek township. Her parents, Andrew and Abigail (Tweed) Moore, were natives of Delaware, and in 1835 became residents of Bear Creek township, where the father purchased and improved one hundred and sixty acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Coch-

ran have become the parents of seven children, but only one is now living, Newton M., of Wythe township, who was born in Bear Creek township, August 4, 1868. The others—Elmer, Harry, Annie, Nannie, Jessie and Charles—all died in infancy. Mr. Cochran is a republican in his political allegiance and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. He has always been deeply interested in the subject of agriculture and in anything pertaining to progress along that line and has not only been a follower but a leader in the work of general improvement in farm life in Hancock county. His own progressive spirit is indicated in the splendid appearance of his place and his fine farm is the just reward of his life of intense and well directed activity.

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#### REASON A. NELSON.

Reason A. Nelson, of La Harpe, is an extensive landowner, having seven hundred acres in Illinois besides valuable property elsewhere. He was born near Pittsfield, Pike county, Illinois, January 26, 1846. His paternal grandfather, Elisha Nelson, was a native of Ireland and after coming to the new world settled in Ohio. His son, George C. Nelson, was born about ten miles from Cadiz, Ohio, March 28, 1825, and when but seventeen years of age was married to Charlotte Carnes, who was born in the same locality. They became the parents of five

children, of whom three are still living, the second being the subject of this review. The wife and mother, however, passed away in 1850 and in 1853 George C. Nelson married Sarah A. Irving, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, November 12, 1833. Her paternal grandparents were James and Elizabeth (Barnes) Irving, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Her father, James Irving, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, and having arrived at years of maturity was married to Martha Dunham, also a native of that county and a daughter of William and Mary (Chauncy) Dunham, natives of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. James Irving lived upon a farm in Ohio until 1844, when he sold his property there and removed to Pike county, Illinois. There he purchased a tract of land upon which he lived until his death about two years later. It was in 1853 that his daughter Sarah Ann became the wife of George C. Nelson, then of Henderson county, Illinois. At the time of his first marriage Mr. Nelson was but seventeen years of age and for four years thereafter he continued to work for his father. When he attained his majority he was the owner of two steers costing thirteen dollars and a half, which he had earned through extra labor. Continuing to work hard and saving his earnings, he was at length enabled to purchase forty acres of land in Pike county, Illinois, which he tilled with one horse and an ox. In 1854 he sold out and removed to Henderson county, where he purchased a half section of farm land and ten acres of timber, paying one half down and the balance on time. After

that change he met with success and became one of the most extensive landowners of the state, having about three thousand acres. He was also the owner of one hundred and fifty head of blooded horses and many head of cattle, sheep and hogs and was thus one of the leading stock-raisers as well as large landowners of Henderson county. He continued actively in business until his death, which occurred November 1, 1894. The children of the second marriage are: William S., born November 12, 1854; Charles H.; Elmer R.; Grace M., the wife of Andrew James, of La Harpe, Illinois; Bessie S., who became the wife of Ernest Hull and died August 30, 1905; and Quinton Ward. There were also six children who died in infancy. The spring following the death of Mr. Nelson his widow and the children removed to La Harpe, where she is now residing.

Reason A. Nelson acquired his education in the public schools of Henderson county, Illinois, and was reared to the occupation of farming. He remained under the parental roof and assisted in the work of field and meadow until 1871, or for a year after his marriage, when he rented one of his father's farms, consisting of two hundred acres. He then removed to that place, whereon he remained for three years, when he rented two hundred and eighty-five acres near Terre Haute, Illinois. This he continued to lease for eight years at a rental of one thousand dollars per year and at the end of that time he bought the farm for sixty-two and a half dollars per acre. The west half of Terre Haute comprised a part of his original farm. After selling



that tract for city lots he bought eighty acres lying west of the north half of his first purchase and later he added six and a half acres adjoining on which stood a house, barn and other good farm buildings. As the years passed he has prospered through his judicious investment, through his careful management of his business affairs and through his unremitting diligence, so that when the La Harpe district fair was established he was able to loan five thousand dollars towards its promotion. He has continued adding to his property until he now owns seven hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Illinois, together with city property, and he also has an interest of one hundred and sixty acres in Kansas. About 1900 he bought eighty acres of land in Henderson county, for which he paid six thousand dollars, and after stocking it with everything necessary for a complete farm he presented it to his eldest son, who lived there for about two years, when he sold the property for seven thousand dollars and removed to La Harpe.

On the 29th of October, 1870, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Susan R. Ruckman, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, November 25, 1846, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ruckman and the fourth of a family of eight children. About 1864 her mother and stepfather removed to Hancock county, settling near La Harpe, and later they took up their abode at Bloomfield, Iowa, where Mrs. Nelson was living at the time of her marriage. This union was blessed with eight children, four sons and four daughters, but three of the number died in infancy. Those still living

are: Mrs. Jerusha M. Berkshire, of Terre Haute, Illinois, who was born in September, 1876; Le Roy E., who was born in August, 1879, and is now in La Harpe; Mrs. Maude E. Kerr, who was born in March, 1881, and lives in La Harpe township; George C., who was born January 4, 1884, and is also in La Harpe; and Mrs. Charlotte Elston, who was born March 11, 1886, and is now on the old home place at Terre Haute, Illinois. Mrs. Nelson departed this life June 5, 1904. In May, 1904, the family had removed to La Harpe, where a month later Mrs. Nelson died. Mr. Nelson has since resided in La Harpe, from which town he superintends his business interests. His eldest son, after selling the farm which was a gift from his father, clerked for two years in a grocery store owned by his uncle in La Harpe and then bought a third interest in the Keef Clothing Company in this place. He also owns a third interest in a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Iowa.

Mr. Nelson votes with the Republican party and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodge. His entire life has been passed in Illinois and for many years he has resided in Hancock county, where his labors, directed by intelligence and sound judgment, have proven important factors in a very desirable success.

The sons of Mr. Nelson belong to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and all of his daughters belong to Rebekah lodge, and are also members of the Methodist Episcopal church of La Harpe, and all are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.

## JOHN HAIGH.

John Haigh, a pioneer farmer of Appanoose township, where he owns two hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land situated on section 14, was born in Frankford, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1821, and comes of English lineage, his paternal grandfather having been born in Yorkshire, England, whence he removed to Pennsylvania in 1815, where he conducted a cotton manufactory. His death there occurred in 1844, his wife having passed away many years previous. The subject of this sketch is a son of John and Mary Haigh, in whose family were four sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is the third in order of birth.

John Haigh, whose name introduces this review, was reared in the Keystone state, and was there educated in the common schools. When a small boy he assisted his father in a cotton mill, and later learned the trade of dressing morocco used for making ladies' shoes, being employed in this way for twelve or fifteen years. He was there married in 1841 to Miss Sarah Folcrod, who was born in Philadelphia, and her death occurred about a year after their marriage, leaving a son, Louis. On the 12th of February, 1846, Mr. Haigh was married a second time, his union being with Miss Sarah Sheward, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1828, a daughter of Warwick and Ann Sheward. Following his marriage he lived in Philadelphia until 1853, when he went to Pittsburg by rail, where he took passage on a steamer for Quincy, Illinois, where Mrs. Haigh's par-

ents were then living. After a very brief stay in that city they came to Hancock county, and made purchase of forty acres of land situated on section 18, Pontoosuc township, a portion of which had been cleared, while the remainder was covered with timber. This he cleared, placing his land under a high state of cultivation. On the place was a log house, in which the family made their home for two years. He then removed to a farm in Appanoose township, to which he moved his log house. As the years passed by he prospered in his business affairs and was soon enabled to purchase more land, adding sixty acres. On this he erected a frame house containing three rooms, to which he has since added so that he now has a comfortable home supplied with every convenience. He has added to his landed possessions from time to time so that he now owns two hundred and sixty acres of rich prairie land, situated on section 14, Appanoose township. Here he is engaged in the work of general farming, and also raises cattle, horses, hogs and sheep, and finds this branch of his business a very profitable source of income. When he took possession of his property it was all wild and unimproved but he soon broke the prairie, placed his fields under cultivation and added all of the buildings which are here found, so that he now has a model farm of the twentieth century.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Haigh have been born the following named: John, of Appanoose township; William, of Holt county, Nebraska; Annie, the wife of William Seigrist, also residing in Appanoose township; Jennie, the wife of David R. Thornber, who now makes her home with

parents; George, on the home farm; Truman, of Los Angeles, California; Mary Emma, the wife of Nimrod Woody, of Los Angeles, California; Rachel, the wife of Peter McIntosh, of Alton, Oregon county, Missouri; Sherman, likewise a resident of Los Angeles; Morris, who died at the age of thirty-two years; James, of Bogard, Missouri; and Benjamin, who died at the age of thirteen years. Louis, the son of the first marriage, resides at Niota, Illinois.

In politics Mr. Haigh is a republican but is not an active worker in the work of the party. While still a resident of the Keystone state he became a member of the Odd Fellows order and also of the American Mechanics. When he located in Hancock county much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, and deer and wolves were still roaming over the prairies and through the forests, while prairie chickens, wild turkeys and other game was to be had in abundance. He has lived to see many changes here, the land having been reclaimed by the settlers and all modern improvements are here seen. His life has been quietly passed, and yet his record contains many lessons worthy of emulation, for he has been found persistent, active and honorable in all life's relations, and having lived in this section of the state for more than a half century he has a wide and favorable acquaintance.

Since the above was written Mr. Haigh has passed away, his death occurring on November 6, 1906, at the home place after a short sickness. He is buried in the Jackson graveyard in Appanoose township.

#### WILLIAM O. SANFORD.

William O. Sanford is now living retired in Hamilton and belongs to that class of men who have found in the pressure of adversity and the stimulus of opposition incentive for bringing forth their best and strongest efforts and thereby winning success. Mr. Sanford is one of the oldest citizens of Hamilton, having passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Tioga county, New York, July 21, 1822. His parents were Timothy and Lucinda (Teal) Sanford, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of New Hampshire. In the paternal line he comes of one of the old New England families. His grandfather was Ebenezer Sanford, also a native of Connecticut, and a son of Ebenezer Sanford, Sr., who was born in England. The last named, in company with three brothers, came to the United States, settling here before the Revolutionary war when this country was still numbered among the colonial possessions of Great Britain. He became connected with the navy during the period of hostilities, which led to the establishment of the republic and was killed in an effort to prevent the British from reaching West Point, New York. Ebenezer Sanford, Jr., lived in Connecticut and later removed to Candor, Tioga county, New York, where he resided for a few years, when he removed to Monroe county, Michigan, where he died. He married Rhoda North, who was a granddaughter of Lord Norton, of England, and their son, Timothy Sanford, was reared in Hartford county, Connect-

icut, removing thence to Tioga county, New York, after he had attained his majority. In the latter place he was married to Miss Lucinda Teal, a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Teal. At the time of the war of 1812 he espoused the cause of the United States and valiantly fought during the second period of hostilities with England. He continued to remain a resident of New York up to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1891. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1837.

William O. Sanford was the second in order of birth in the family of six sons and two daughters. He assisted his father in a sawmill business which the latter was operating in the midst of the timbered regions, as that country was covered with hemlock and pine trees. He also learned the trade of cabinet making, entering upon an apprenticeship when seventeen years of age and working for four years in that way. He and his brother afterward removed to Akron, Ohio, where they conducted a cabinet making business until 1855, when William O. Sanford sold out to his brother, who carried on the business until his death in 1896. After disposing of his cabinet making interests Mr. Sanford of this review came to Illinois and spent about two years in looking for a favorable location on the Mississippi river. Finally he located at Hamilton, where he spent many years, being employed as distributing agent and also overseeing the construction of depots. He erected several of the older houses in Hamilton, and now owns three of them. He traveled over about five hundred miles of the

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, assisting in the construction of all of the buildings on its line. For about three years he conducted a mercantile business, being thus engaged subsequent to the Civil war.

When the country was engaged in hostility between the north and the south Mr. Sanford enlisted in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company G, Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, called Mulligan's Irish Brigade of the Second Division and Twenty-third Regiment of the Twenty-fourth Army Corps. He was one of those who guarded Libby Prison for three months. He enlisted in 1861 for the purpose of driving the Confederates from the northeastern part of Missouri and in the winter of 1864-5 he re-enlisted with the same command and was honorably discharged in August of the latter year.

Following the war Mr. Sanford returned to Hamilton and entered the service of the railroad, remaining in that position for about four years. He had charge of the mechanical department of the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad when it was built to Keokuk. He assisted in the construction of the bridges and depots on the road. That he has prospered in his undertakings is indicated by the fact that he now owns three houses and lots in addition to his attractive residence in Hamilton. Since 1892 he has lived retired amid many of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life which have been gained through his own efforts.

Mr. Sanford was first married in October, 1849, to Miss Joanna Baker, who was born in New York. They had one

child, Charles B. Sanford, who died in Nemaha county, Kansas, in 1888, while the wife and mother passed away in April, 1852. On the 1st of January, 1857, Mr. Sanford was again married, his second union being with Sarah A. Kauffman, who was born near Dayton, Ohio, March 4, 1829, a daughter of Christian and Hester (Whitmore) Kauffman, natives of Pennsylvania. The children of this marriage were as follows: Arthur J., who died at the age of two and a half years; Emma Luella, who died when three and a half years of age; Orion H., who died in San Antonio, Texas, March 6, 1892, at the age of twenty-seven years; and Orion H., who was born September 21, 1863, and died March 6, 1892. The last named attended the Pierce Business College at Keokuk and was afterward clerk for the Standard Oil Company at Keokuk for about a year, when he was transferred to Davenport, where he was employed for six years. His health then failed him and with his parents he traveled to California and Texas, but was taken with grip in the last named state after his health had become partially improved. This disease, however, terminated fatally.

In his political views Mr. Sanford is a stalwart republican. He was elected as a member of the city council at Akron, Ohio, served for two terms and an unexpired term as clerk and also filled out an unexpired term as mayor, acting in the latter capacity for nearly a year. He was a very prominent resident of Akron, Ohio, and was connected with the majority of its leading organizations. After coming to Hamilton he was elected and

served as alderman here. He wrote the first city charter and succeeded in securing its passage through the legislature. He was the second mayor of Hamilton and served for three terms, while for ten terms he filled the position of alderman. His public service has been most capable and over the record of his official career there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. In his business affairs he has prospered as the years have gone by and is now in possession of property which indicates a well-directed activity and enterprise in former years. He has made a close and discriminating study of the needs and possibilities of his town and county and in his official capacities has labored earnestly and effectively to produce the best results. Living retired in Hamilton, he has a wide and favorable acquaintance in this part of the county and his labors have at all times been so honorable that he has won not only success but also an untarnished name.

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#### JAMES W. WESTFALL.

On the roster of county officials in Hancock county appears the name of James W. Westfall, who is filling the position of county clerk. Carthage has been favored in the class of men who have occupied her official positions, for there has been little corruption in public office here such as is more common in large cities. In fact the business duties connected with the city and county have been performed

in a most favorable manner by men of broad integrity and worth and of this class James W. Westfall is a worthy representative. He is a son of Calvin and Elizabeth (McCullough) Westfall and was born near Lacrosse in Hancock county, November 30, 1861. His parents are also natives of this county and the father for many years followed the occupation of farming but at length retired from active business life and died in Burnside, Illinois, December 11, 1893. His widow still resides there. In their family were four children, of whom three are now living: Mary, who died at the age of four years; Ellen, now the wife of T. G. Wright, of Burnside; James W.; and George N., who resides in Marceline, Missouri.

Mr. Westfall of this review pursued his early education in the public schools in Pilot Grove township and afterward attended a business college at Keokuk, Iowa. When his school days were over he became a successful telegraphic operator for the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw Railroad, occupying positions at various places for ten years. He was also postmaster at Burnside for four years and was engaged in the hardware business there for four years. He came to Carthage to make his home in 1898 and was here elected to the office of county clerk, which position he is still filling. He is a staunch democrat in politics and has served in several official positions, acting as township clerk in Pilot Grove township.

On the 20th of February, 1887, Mr. Westfall was married to Miss Laura Mills, of Durham township, Hancock county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth

Mills, whose parents were old settlers of that township, where her father followed farming. They are still living and now make their home with their children. They had two daughters: Mrs. Westfall; and Emma, the wife of O. D. Wickizer, of Chinook, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Westfall have six sons, four of whom were born in Burnside and the youngest in Carthage. These are: Vernon, born March 28, 1888; Bruce, in December, 1889; Paul, December 18, 1894; Mills, July 22, 1897; and James, born July 21, 1900. Lewis, born April 13, 1906. The parents are prominent and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Westfall is serving as steward, while his wife belongs to the various church societies. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge of Burnside and with the chapter at Carthage and he also belongs to Bentley lodge, No. 412, Independent Order of Odd Fellows in which he has passed all of the chairs. He is likewise a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Court of Honor and is popular in these various organizations. He is now proving a capable officer, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity such as indicates his loyal citizenship and progressive spirit.

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#### THOMAS RUGGLES.

No history of Hamilton would be complete without mention of Thomas Ruggles.

gles, who for fifty years has been a dry goods merchant of this city and since 1848 has resided here. He came to Illinois when it was a pioneer district, traveling across the country when one would ride for miles and miles without seeing a habitation or evidences that the seeds of civilization had been planted on the western frontier. He is thoroughly familiar with the history of the county and events, which to most people are matters of history, have been witnessed by him or have been matters of experience with him. He was born in Daviess county, Indiana, December 13, 1825. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Ruggles, was a native of North Carolina and married Rachel Freeland, who was born in Maryland. Their son, Jacob Ruggles, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, where the family lived for a number of years. Having arrived at adult age, he married Miss Henrietta McDonald, who was also born in Kentucky and was a daughter of Francis and Eleanor (Hamilton) McDonald, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Delaware. Francis McDonald was a Revolutionary soldier and was taken on a British man of war to the new world. When they landed at Charleston, South Carolina, he deserted the British troops and joined the colonial army. He was only a boy at that time. He fought for the independence of the colonies and after the establishment of the republic he emigrated to Kentucky at an early day and lived there for a number of years. Subsequently he removed to Indiana, where his last days were passed. Thomas Ruggles was also a pioneer settler of Indiana, living there at a time when in the midst of

the little settlement was an old log fort, to which all of the citizens would go to seek protection from the Indians when there would be an uprising among the red people.

Jacob Ruggles, father of our subject, lived upon the farm in Indiana for many years. In 1851 he went to California, where he remained for nine years, returning to Indiana in the fall of 1860.

Thomas Ruggles, whose name introduces this review, began his education in one of the old-time subscription schools which met in a log cabin in Indiana. He spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm in that state, living with his parents until 1847. At the age of twenty-three years he came to Illinois, making his way to Hamilton. He traveled on horseback alone, being two weeks upon the way. He would travel all day at times and not see more than two or three houses. He stopped at first at Montebello and in the spring of 1849 went to work on a farm, where he farmed for six years. Before removing to Illinois, however, he had studied law with an uncle in Indiana. He farmed the first year in Illinois and worked with the man who helped lay out the town of Hamilton, being employed at carpentering. In 1856 he established a general mercantile business in the new town of Hamilton and has continued in active connection with commercial interests to the present time, although various changes have occurred in the partnership. He was first associated with John K. Allen and in 1860 he sold out. In 1861 he began business again at Oakwood, where he continued until 1870. He then entered upon the active practice of

law, having been admitted to the bar in 1867, and he also engaged in farming a tract of land until 1875. In that year he again established a general store, which he conducted until 1881, since which time he has given his attention only to the grocery trade. He is a pioneer in business in Hamilton and no man today connected with its business interests has been for a longer period actively associated with commercial life here. He now has a good store, well equipped with a carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and has a gratifying patronage.

In December, 1849, Mr. Ruggles was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Waller, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of George and Catherine (McDonald) Waller. Their children were George, who was born in 1851 and died at the age of five years, Homer, who was born in 1852, and died at the age of four years; Catherine, who was born in 1854 and died at the age of thirty-five years; and Henrietta, who was born in 1855 and died when eighteen years of age. The wife and mother passed away in June, 1857. In July, 1858, Mr. Ruggles was again married, his second union being with Hannah L. Choate, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Langdon and Deborah (Jones) Choate. There were six children of this marriage, of whom one daughter died in infancy. The others are: Thomas, who was born in 1863 and died at the age of thirty years; Clara, the wife of Robert Hall, who is engaged in the insurance business in Hamilton; Edmond, who died at the age of thirty-five years; Leon, of Hancock county; and Alice, who died in infancy. The wife

and mother passed away in June, 1872, and in April, 1874, Mr. Ruggles was married to Mrs. Anna B. Christfield Mason, the widow of Dr. John Mason, who was a dentist of Keokuk.

In his political affiliation Mr. Ruggles has long been a republican, supporting the party since its organization. He was one of the first school directors of this district, was trustee of Hamilton during the second year of the existence of the village and was alderman for about twelve years. In 1858 he was elected justice of the peace and filled the position of supervisor the same year. He continued in the latter office for eight terms and was also school trustee for a number of years and has continued as a justice of the peace with the exception of two terms up to the present time. The fact that he has long been retained in the public service is indication of his capability and fidelity. He is a Mason, being the only charter member of Hamilton lodge now living. This is known as Black Hawk lodge, No. 238, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and he is also connected with the Royal Arch chapter and the Eastern Star. He is now in his eighty-first year and is a well known citizen, who at all times has enjoyed the fullest confidence and respect of his fellowmen and has merited their regard and good will.

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#### AUSTIN COLEMAN WOOLFOLK.

Austin Coleman Woolfolk was born in Farmington, Missouri, on the 16th of De-





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ember, 1836, a son of George and Matilda (Taylor) Woolfolk. In his early boyhood days the family removed to Pike county, Illinois. The father died during the infancy of his son and the mother passed away when Austin C. Woolfolk was but sixteen years of age. He was thus early deprived of parental care and attention. In his youth he attended the public schools of Pike county and his collegiate course was pursued in Bethany College of Virginia, after which he returned to Pittsfield, Illinois, and took up the study of law under the Hon. Milton Hay, one of the most distinguished legists that has ever practiced at the bar of Illinois. His deep interest was aroused by the momentous questions which awakened public attention in anti-bellum days. He was a student of the signs of the times, noted the growing dissatisfaction in the south and the threatening attitude and his patriotic spirit was aroused in defense of the Federal government and its supremacy. Therefore it was not strange that when Fort Sumter was fired upon, like many other young attorneys, he put aside his law books that he might aid his country in the preservation of the Union. He enlisted and was instrumental in raising a company which was attached to the Seventeenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The command was sent to Alton and he was on active duty with the regiment for a year, at the end of which time he was transferred to the quartermaster's department and later assigned to the United States service. He participated in two of the most hotly contested battles that occurred in the middle west—Fort Donelson and Corinth,

where he suffered from strangulation and forever afterward was a sufferer from asthma. He continued with the army from 1861 until 1866, faithfully performing every task that devolved upon him no matter how hazardous was its nature or what risks he had to incur in performing the duty assigned him. He was then honorably discharged at Cairo, Illinois, after sending in his resignation.

Resuming the pursuits of civic life, Mr. Woolfolk once more entered upon the practice of law, locating in Mankato, Minnesota, and there he soon gained recognition as an able lawyer, who prepared his cases with thoroughness and care, was logical in his reasonings, sound in argument and forceful in his presentation of his cause. His ability attracted to him wide attention and led to his appointment by the governor to the position of district judge of the sixth judicial district of Minnesota. His legal learning, his analytical mind, the readiness with which he grasped the points in an argument, all combined to make him one of the most capable jurists of that district. His decisions indicated strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment. He was widely recognized as a man of well balanced intellect and discharged with impartiality and equity the duties of the office to which life, property, right and liberty must look for protection. At length, however, he resigned his position as district judge and went to Colorado, where through the succeeding six years he devoted his attention to the private practice of law.

On the 8th of October, 1863, Mr.

Woolfolk had been married to Miss Mary Pierce Hay, a daughter of Dr. Charles and Helen (Leonard) Hay, a history of whom is given elsewhere in this work together with the history of her brothers, Major Leonard Hay, of the United States army and Hon. John Hay, late secretary of state under McKinley and Roosevelt. Mrs. Woolfolk was born in Salem, Indiana, and with her parents removed to Warsaw. Mr. and Mrs. Woolfolk remained residents of Colorado until the death of the husband on the 15th of February, 1880, after which his remains were returned to Warsaw for interment and here Mrs. Woolfolk has since made her home. In an active life he displayed many sterling traits of character—not only the qualities which insured progress and success in his chosen profession but also those personal traits of character which win confidence and regard in every land and clime. The spirit of loyalty which prompted his enlistment for service in the Civil war was ever manifested in all his duties of citizenship and among his friends—and they were many—he was recognized as a most congenial spirit because of his intellectual force, his kindly disposition, his genial manner and his sincere and genuine interest in the welfare of others.

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#### SOLOMON J. SALISBURY.

Solomon J. Salisbury is the owner of a farm of one hundred and two acres in Pilot Grove township, which he has

placed under a high state of cultivation, making it a well improved place. He was born in Kirkland, Lake county, Ohio, September 18, 1835, and when three years of age came to Hancock county, Illinois, with his parents, Wilkins J. and Catherine (Smith) Salisbury. The father was born in the state of New York, and the mother in Vermont, and following their marriage they removed to Ohio, where they lived until coming to Illinois in 1838. The mother was a sister of Joseph and Hiram Smith. On arriving in Illinois they settled first in Plymouth, where the father followed the blacksmith's trade. He afterward became a blacksmith at Webster, Illinois, where he continued until his death, which occurred when he was about forty-three years of age. His wife continued to live at Webster, and there passed away at the age of eighty-three years. She was reared in the Mormon church and continued in that belief until her demise. In early life Mr. Smith was also a member of the Mormon church.

Solomon J. Salisbury acquired his preliminary education in the schools of Plymouth, but at the time of the uprising of the people against the Mormons the family was expelled from there in 1846 and removed to Alexandria, Missouri. In 1847, however, they returned to Hancock county, settling at Warsaw, and later removed to Webster, where they made their home. In his early youth Solomon J. Salisbury began work as a farm hand by the month and was thus employed until about the time when he attained his majority, when he purchased land in Pilot Grove township. He has

since owned and operated a number of different farms and about twenty years ago he purchased his present farm, which he improved and upon which he has since lived. Here he engages in general agricultural pursuits and in feeding cattle and hogs. In his business affairs he has been quite successful and is the owner of a valuable place which is indicative of his unremitting diligence and ceaseless toil, whereby he has advanced to a place among the men of affluence in the county.

Twice married, Mr. Salisbury first wedded Elizabeth Swisher, and unto them were born three children. Ella, the eldest, is now the wife of Ransom Sherman, of Keewaunee, Illinois, and their children are Elmer, Robert, Eliza, Effie and Ruby. Robert resides in Pilot Grove township, where he owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of land. He married Margaret Jones, has two children, Eliza and Ella, the former now the wife of Elmer Grotts, by whom she has two children, Eva and Earl. James, the youngest of the family, resides in Pilot Grove township, where he owns a farm of eighty-three acres. He wedded Mary L. Roush, and they have one child, Arthur. Mrs. Salisbury died and was buried at Webster and Mr. Salisbury has since wedded Margaret Swisher, who was born in Gallia county, Ohio, and is a sister of his first wife. Their parents were Jacob and Mary (Rife) Swisher, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Swisher came to Hancock county, settling in Pilot Grove township, where the father engaged in farming and made his home until his

death at the age of seventy-three years. He was laid to rest in La Harpe, and his wife, who died at the age of fifty-five years, was buried at Webster. They were the parents of eleven children, Mrs. Margaret Swisher being the youngest. By her marriage she has three children: Mary B., now the wife of Doud Furrow, a farmer of Pilot Grove township, who owns ninety acres and by whom she has four children, Hulen, Millie, Ruth and Raymond; William H., who owns and cultivates sixty acres of land in Pilot Grove township and who married Gertrude Dailey, by whom she has four children, Ona, Otie, Lulu and Solomon. Don Carlos, who has a farm of eighty acres in Pilot Grove township, wedded Zua Marrill, and has three children, Everett, Herbert and June.

Mr. Salisbury has been an elder of the Mormon church for the past thirty-five years. With a number of others he organized what is known as the reorganized church and has aided in the establishment of various congregations of this faith in Hancock county. In politics he is a democrat and has held some township offices, serving as supervisor, collector and justice of the peace. He has also practiced before the justice courts but has never been admitted to the bar. During the long years of his residence in Hancock county he has seen many improvements made here and has borne his share in the work of development along agricultural lines and also as a citizen has labored directly for the benefit of the community, and is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he comes in contact, either in social or business relations.

## SETH M. BAKER.

Seth M. Baker, farmer and stock-raiser, was born in Maryland in 1846, his parents being Seth W. and Martha (Murray) Baker, who were likewise natives of that state. The father was born in 1804, and died in 1871, at the age of sixty-seven years, while the mother, born in 1815, passed away in February, 1899. He was a farmer by occupation and came to Hancock county in 1852, settling upon the farm which is now owned and occupied by his son, Seth. His political support was given to the democracy. In the family were nine children, of whom seven are now living: James L. T., who is living in the state of Washington; Nancy H., the wife of Joel Clark, of Washington; Seth M.; Jane M., the wife of James Gardner, of Walker township; Angeline, the wife of Ira Bowens, of Adams county, Illinois; Ollie, the wife of Alvin Carr, of Stillwell, Illinois; and Severn, also of Adams county.

Seth M. Baker was a youth of but six years when brought by his parents to Illinois and in the district schools of Walker township he was educated. He remained at home with his parents until after he had attained his majority, and at times was engaged in the operation of the home farm and at other times devoted his energies to stock-raising. He still continues to reside upon the old homestead property, comprising one hundred and five acres on section 23, Walker township, and upon this place in 1904 he erected a pretty residence. He also has a good barn twenty-eight by thirty-six feet and other substantial improvements. He is a general

farmer and stock-raiser and his success is attributable to his own labors, for with the exception of twelve acres of land which he inherited in 1899 all that he now possesses has been acquired through his persistency of purpose and unflinching diligence.

In 1892 Mr. Baker was married to Miss Belle Mitchell, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1854. Her grandfather in the maternal line was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Her parents were David and Rebecca Mitchell, the former born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1826, and the latter in Ohio in 1830. Mr. Mitchell was a farmer and spent many years in Adams county, Illinois, where his death occurred. He served throughout the Civil war as a stalwart champion of the Union cause and thus proved his loyalty to his adopted country. Both he and his wife now rest in the cemetery in Lima township, Adams county. They became residents of Illinois in 1864, and Mrs. Mitchell died in 1871, while the death of Mr. Mitchell occurred in 1901. In their family were four children, of whom three are living: Belle, now Mrs. Baker; John D. and J. W., both of Adams county. Mr. and Mrs. Baker reared a niece of Mrs. Baker's, a Miss Lillian McCune, who received a good education and became a teacher in the schools of Hancock county, Illinois. She married Archie Woodworth and now lives in Fernita, Colorado. Mrs. Baker is the owner of a good farm property in Adams county. Both our subject and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church and are highly esteemed people, whose circle of friends is almost co-extensive with their acquaintance.

## JAMES McCARTY.

James McCarty, manager of the grain and elevator business owned by F. M. Cutler and also carrying on a store of his own for the sale of canned fruits, confectionery, tobacco and staple and fancy groceries, was born in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, May 29, 1862, his parents being James and Mary (O'Donell) McCarty. The parents were natives of county Leitrem, Ireland, and the former came to America when fifteen years of age and the latter when eight years of age. In 1859, James McCarty, Sr., took up his abode in Pilot Grove township, Hancock county, where he engaged in farming for a year or more and in 1861 returned to Ohio, where he remained until 1869, when he again came to Hancock county and continued one of its residents up to the time of his death, which occurred June 6, 1903. His wife passed away May 23, 1898, and he was laid to rest by her side in the cemetery of this county. In 1861 he had enlisted for service in the Civil war with the Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and defended the Union cause until after the surrender at Appomattox. He was wounded at the battle of Atlanta and participated in the engagements of Mission Ridge, Vicksburg and the celebrated march to the sea under Sherman and also the Grand Review in Washington, where the president and other noted officials of the nation watched the parade of the victorious troops, whose long and arduous service had upheld the Union. Mr. McCarty was a democrat in his political affiliation, but neither held nor sought public office.

Both he and his wife were members of the Catholic church. In the family were seven children, of whom five are now living: John; James; Thomas, who is conducting a restaurant at Grand Junction, Colorado; Charles, in the railroad service at Grand Junction; and George, also a railroad employe living at that place.

James McCarty of this review was a young lad when brought by his parents to this county and was educated in the public schools of Carthage. He entered business life as a brakeman on the railroad, being thus employed for about a year. He was afterward section foreman for ten or twelve years at Petersburg, Illinois, at Hannibal, Missouri, and in the state of Colorado. In 1898 he assumed the duties of a responsible position as manager for the grain and elevator business of F. M. Cutler at Carthage and in this connection he conducts a store of his own, dealing in staple and fancy groceries, canned fruits, confectionery, tobacco and other supplies. His business career has been marked by a steady advance and each step has been carefully and thoughtfully made.

On the 16th of February, 1887, Mr. McCarty wedded Miss Winifred B. Kelly, a native of Menard county, Illinois, and a daughter of Patrick and Mary Kelly. Her father was born in Ireland but her mother was born in Menard county. He has for many years been engaged in mining and he and his wife are now living in the county of her nativity. Both are devoted members of the Catholic church. They have ten living children: Winifred B., now Mrs. McCarty; Thomas, of Chicago; Catherine,

the wife of Edward Guahn, of Petersburg, Illinois; Edward, of Chicàgo; Patrick, of Roodhouse, this state; Andrew, of Petersburg, Illinois; Daniel of Roodhouse; Nellie, who is with her parents; Robert, of Petersburg; and Frank and George, both at home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. McCarty have been born six children, all of whom are living, the two eldest being in Petersburg, while four are in Hancock county. These are: James D. and Thomas Leo, both in school; Mary Catherine and John, who are also attending school; W. J. Bryan, known as Bryan McCarty; and Elizabeth Alice, who completes the family. The parents are members of the Catholic church. Mr. McCarty is a democrat and has served as township collector. He belongs to the Odd Fellows society and to the Modern Woodmen camp of Carthage. He is a self-made man in the truest and best sense of the term. He started out in life empty-handed and through his energy, ambition and honest dealing has accumulated a competence that enables him to provide his family with many comforts. He is a pleasant spoken, kind-hearted and home-loving man, of much natural wit and is a pleasant and genial companion, while in business circles he is known for his upright principles and steady business habits.

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#### FLOYD N. CASBURN.

Floyd N. Casburn is cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Ferris. His life

has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of the county. He was born March 22, 1876, and his parents are A. J. and Victoria (Bailey) Casburn. The father's birth occurred in Cambridgeshire, England, April 30, 1848, and when a lad of but three years he came to America with his parents, the family home being established in Monroe county, New York. They afterward removed to Ohio, where he remained until 1869, when he came to Ferris, where he still resides, his home being on almost the same site of his first residence here. He carries on general farming and stock-raising, and has one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Rock Creek township, where he has made many substantial and modern improvements. He still lives upon the farm but has rented his land and is now practically retired from business cares. His wife is also of English birth and was a daughter of Wright Bailey. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Casburn have been born six children, and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: May, now the wife of C. D. Taylor, a farmer living near Ferris; Floyd N.; Frank E., who married Mabel Hyndman, and is a successful practicing physician near Kansas City, Missouri; A. L., who wedded Ada Richardson, and is an able member of the medical fraternity at Bentley, Illinois; and Nellie and Edith, who are attending school in Ferris. The father is an honored Mason and Odd Fellow and has passed all of the chairs in both lodges. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church at Ferris, of which the



family are also members, regularly attending its services and contributing generously to its support.

Floyd N. Casburn supplemented his early educational privileges by a four years' course in Carthage College, after which he engaged in teaching school in Rock Creek and Pontoosuc townships for three years. On the expiration of that period he invested his savings in eighty acres of land on section 35, Rock Creek township, which he still owns and there he carried on general agricultural pursuits for four years, or until 1903, when he was elected assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank at Ferris. He became one of the largest stockholders and in February of the same year he was appointed cashier, which position he is still successfully filling and is a popular bank official, whose courtesy to the patrons of the institution and whose obliging manner have gained for him high regard, while his devotion to the interests of the bank have won for him the entire confidence of the stockholders.

On the 19th of July, 1899, Mr. Casburn was married to Miss Rachel Wilson, a daughter of Alexander and Isabella (Griffin) Wilson. Mrs. Casburn was born at Niota, Illinois, September 22, 1877, and her father was a native of Ireland, while her mother's birth occurred in Ohio. They became early and representative farming people of Appanoose township but passed away some years ago. In their family were eleven children, all of whom survive, namely: Albert, a resident of Weber, Kansas; James, of Beaver, Texas; John, of Denver, Colorado; Sarah, the wife of I. T. Lewis, of Powellton, Illi-

nois; Robert H., of Niota, this state; Dillie, the wife of John Shank, of Ferris; Daniel, of Montrose, Iowa; George Franklin, of Ferris; Rachel, now Mrs. Casburn; Jesse, of York, Nebraska; and Laura, who attends the Western College for Ladies, at Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Casburn have an interesting little daughter, Iola Fern, who was born November 2, 1905, in their pleasant home in Ferris, which stands in the western part of the town, and is the property of Mr. Casburn. They are devoted members of the Methodist church and Mr. Casburn is now noble grand in the Odd Fellows lodge at Ferris. He is the possessor of a fine automobile which he has recently purchased and which is the only one in the town. In spirit and interests he is most progressive, as is manifest in his business relations and social life, and both he and his wife occupy an enviable position in society circles in Ferris.

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#### GEORGE COULSON.

George Coulson, for thirty-eight years connected with commercial and manufacturing interests in La Harpe, his native city, and still financially interested in an important business enterprise under the firm style of Coulson, Brundage & Company, hardware dealers, was born February 17, 1843. His parents, Dr. George and Nancy A. (Cossitt) Coulson, were natives of Pennsylvania and Connecticut respectively. They were married in the

Keystone state and in 1833 made their way westward to Illinois, settling on the present site of La Harpe. They built one of the first houses here and lived in it until 1846.

George Coulson when a child was taken to Council Bluffs, where he remained until 1852, when he was taken to Salt Lake Valley, Utah. He acquired his education in the common schools of Ogden, Utah, and remained in Utah until 1857, when he recrossed the plains and returned to La Harpe, where he spent two years. He then went to Texas with an older brother and a year later made his way to California, crossing the plains with mules. On the Pacific coast he was employed in and about the mines for four years and then again made the long and arduous journey across the plains. At length he safely reached La Harpe and here he embarked in the grocery business in 1869. He was thus connected with trade interests until 1875, when, on account of poor health, he sold out and went to Colorado, where he spent six months. Again returning he once more embarked in the grocery business, in which he continued until 1878, when he sold his grocery stock but continued in commercial circles as a representative of the hardware business. In the new enterprise he prospered and in 1881 he sold a third interest to Israel Brundage, continuing the business under the name of Coulson & Brundage until 1896, when other partners were admitted. The business was incorporated in May, 1905, under the name of Coulson, Brundage & Company, of which George Coulson is president; J. L. Bradfield, vice president;

W. F. Bradfield, secretary; and R. L. Widney, manager. The business was capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, and continued the manufacture of a chicken watering fountain patented by R. L. Widney, and the buying and selling of hardware. This manufacturing department of the business has become quite extensive and the output is shipped all over the western states and to various points in the east, being sent as far west as California and as far east as Massachusetts. Since 1896 Mr. Coulson has engaged in the fire insurance business and the buying and shipping of grain.

In November, 1868, Mr. Coulson was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Bainter, who was born in Fountain Green township, Hancock county, and is a daughter of Daniel M. Bainter. Three children were born of this union: George, who died in 1889, at the age of nineteen years; Mary L., the wife of R. L. Widney, of La Harpe; and Charles, who died in 1875 when three years old. The wife and mother passed away in 1876 and Mr. Coulson was again married in July, 1877, his second union being with Rebecca Mayor, who was born in La Harpe and is a daughter of John and Eliza A. Mayor, who came from England to America in 1842 and settled in La Harpe, Illinois. Mrs. Rebecca Coulson passed away in December, 1891, and in April, 1897, Mr. Coulson wedded Martha Mayor, a sister of his second wife. They have a pleasant home in La Harpe and are highly esteemed by all who know them, while the hospitality of the best homes of the town is accorded them.

In his political views Mr. Coulson has

long been a democrat where national issues are involved but at local elections casts an independent ballot. He has served as county supervisor for three years, as collector for one year, township assessor for four years, justice of the peace one term, mayor one term and alderman of La Harpe, and in these various offices has discharged his duties with promptness, capability and fidelity. He co-operates in many measures for the general good and is a progressive, public-spirited citizen. Fraternaly he is a Mason and also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has been treasurer of their lodge at La Harpe for the past twenty-five years, and the Modern Woodmen of America. Although he has several times left La Harpe he has always returned here, finding a pleasant home in the city and good business opportunities. He has been an important factor in its business life, and while promoting his individual success has also contributed to public prosperity and improvement.

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### JOHN E. DE GROOT.

John E. De Groot, who at one time was engaged in the practice of dentistry but is now giving his supervision to agricultural interests, makes his home in Augusta and is widely recognized throughout the community as a man of keen business discernment and enterprise, who possesses the strong principles and determination that

enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He was born in Northeast township, Adams county, April 6, 1842, his parents being John and Margaret (Harvey) De Groot. The father was born in New York city and came to Illinois by the way of the overland route in 1836, settling at Quincy, Adams county, where he remained for one year. He then purchased a farm in Northeast township, that county, comprising one hundred and sixty acres of new and unimproved land and with characteristic energy he undertook the task of developing and cultivating this tract. He was successful in his undertakings and continued to make his home upon that place until his death, which occurred in 1889, when he had reached the age of eighty-one years, for he was born in 1808. As the years had passed he had made extensive investments in property, his landed interests aggregating about eighteen hundred acres, all of which was in Adams county and in addition he had some city property. Starting out in life on his own account he displayed excellent business ability, keen discernment and a readiness to solve intricate business problems that brought him a very gratifying measure of prosperity. He voted with the democracy and held membership in the Christian church of Augusta. His wife was also born in New York city and died about three years prior to her husband's death. She, too, held membership in the Christian church and her life was in harmony with her professions. In the family were seven children, five of whom are yet living, although John E. De Groot is the only one now residing in Hancock county.

The family record is as follows: William H. De Groot, residing in Quincy, Illinois, is a surveyor of Adams county. Mary W. died. Phoebe E. is the wife of Rev. J. C. Stark, a minister of the Christian church at Hamilton, Illinois. Edward H., of Downer's Grove, Illinois, is one of the oldest conductors in service of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, having represented the company for over forty years. Clarissa is the wife of W. R. Gordon, a retired farmer living in Red Oak, Iowa. John E. is the next of the family. Jacob died at the age of thirteen years.

In the schools of his native county Dr. De Groot was educated, being reared upon the home farm, where he remained until 1859. He was at that time a youth of seventeen years and thinking that he would find other pursuits more congenial than farm work he went to Quincy, where he took up the study of dentistry and after the completion of this course he entered upon the active practice of his chosen profession, continuing there until 1875. In that year he removed to Augusta, Hancock county, where he opened an office and was engaged in practice until 1877, when he retired from the active work of his profession and took up the management of his father's farms, located in Adams county. He has continued to make his home in Augusta, however, and still manages the farming interests, being now an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs. After the death of his father and the estate was divided Dr. De Groot continued the management of his inheritance, also having charge of the farms belonging to his brother and sister. He has now about

five hundred acres of very valuable land in Adams county and in Augusta he owns some village property.

Dr. De Groot was married October 7, 1874, to Miss Josephine Davis, of Abingdon, Illinois, a daughter of Asenath and Elizabeth (Price) Davis, who came from the east to Illinois at an early day, probably in 1836, at which time they located in Warren county. The father was a blacksmith by trade and subsequently took up his abode in Abingdon, where his children were educated. He died in that town in 1872 and was survived by his wife until 1900, her death occurring at the home of her daughter, Mrs. DeGroot, in Augusta, when she was eighty-four years of age. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, but only two are now living. The two oldest died in infancy. John W., who became a member of Company E, Thirty-third Illinois Infantry, was wounded at Vicksburg and died ten days later on the 6th of June, 1863, his remains being interred at Memphis. James H. was killed at the siege of Vicksburg and was buried on the battlefield on the 22d of May, 1863. Eugene A. is a farmer, residing at Garden City, Kansas.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. De Groot have been born four children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Maud, the eldest, is the wife of A. J. Laughlin, a confectioner of Macomb, Illinois, by whom she has two children, Josephine and Raymond. Bertha is the wife of Dr. R. B. Roberts, of Augusta, and they have two children, Brockway D. and Elise. Clarence E. is a physician residing in Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Mabel is the wife of Frank Deiley, an operator in the Western Union Telegraph office in Chicago. All of the children were born in Illinois, where Mr. De Groot still resides. He and his wife are prominent and influential residents of the city, occupying an enviable position in social circles and giving of their aid and influence to the various measures which tend to uplift humanity and advance the moral welfare. They hold membership in the Methodist church of Augusta and Mr. De Groot is a prohibitionist in his political affiliation, being a warm advocate of the cause of temperance. While connected with his profession he was an able practitioner, but the demands made upon his time and attention by his property interests led him to concentrate his energies upon the management of his farm and stock and he is today a leading representative of agricultural life in this section of the state. He does not take charge of the active work of the farm but gives to it his personal supervision and his excellent business qualifications are manifest in the desirable results which are attending his efforts.

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### JOHN SHUTWELL.

Among the citizens of Hancock county who were born across the water and who through many long years have aided in the development of the rich agricultural resources of this section of the state, is numbered John Shutwell, whose birth occurred in Yorkshire, England, August 5, 1828. His parents, Frances and Eliz-

abeth (Norwood) Shutwell, were likewise natives of the fatherland, the former a son of John Shutwell, and the latter a daughter of Robert Norwood. Francis Shutwell was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and, having heard favorable reports concerning the new world, he, with his family crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel in the winter of 1828. They resided for a short time at Toronto, Canada, and Buffalo, New York, and Dresden, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Kentucky, later traveling on the Ohio, Mississippi and Illinois rivers until they reached Jacksonville, this state, where lived a brother-in-law of Francis Shutwell, who bore the name of Adam Allison, who had located here some years previous and was engaged in the conduct of a grist mill. He purchased forty acres of land situated about six miles west of where the city of Jacksonville now stands. He there worked at his trade, and was an active factor in the erection of many substantial buildings of this portion of the state. In connection with others he executed many large contracts. In 1852, having decided to engage in agricultural pursuits, he came with his family to Hancock county, the journey being made with team and wagons, where the father purchased two hundred and seventy-six acres of land lying on section 6, La Harpe township. The land had been cleared but there were few improvements upon the place, it being wild prairie, and deer and many other wild animals were to be found roaming over the prairie and through the forests. The father at once undertook the work of transforming his land into a cultivable tract, broke the land, plowed the fields,

planted his crops, and in due course of time gathered abundant harvests as the result of his care and labor bestowed upon the fields. He made many improvements in the way of fences, outbuildings and a large country residence. He worked diligently and persistently year after year in carrying on his farming operations and thus made his property one of the rich and valuable tracts of this section of the state. His death occurred on the home place in 1885, when he had reached the very venerable age of ninety years. His widow continued to make her home there for a year and a half but at the time of her death, in 1898, was residing with her son John. She had reached the extreme old age of ninety-six years, and thus the county lost two of its most venerable pioneers.

John Shutwell is the second in order of birth of three children, and the only surviving member of his father's family, his sisters being Mary, who became the wife of Daniel L. Dixon, and died many years ago, and Jane, who wedded James Eckles and is also deceased. John Shutwell was reared upon the old homestead amid the scenes of frontier life, and shared with the family in the hardships and privations of a pioneer existence. He was early trained to the duties of the farm, and during the winter months pursued his studies in an old log cabin, which was used for a school house, the furnishings being of the most primitive character. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, August 12, 1858, when Miss Sarah Jane Bland became his wife. She was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, her natal

day being March 3, 1836. Her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (McCulahy) Bland, were natives of England and Ireland respectively, and the father served as soldier in the war of 1812. Both passed away in the Keystone state, after which the daughter, Elizabeth, accompanied the family of Jonathan Whitlash to Hancock county, where she met and married John Shutwell.

Following their marriage our subject and his wife began their domestic life in a small house located on his father's farm, and here he continued to assist his father in the operation of the home place. In 1876 their primitive home was replaced by a more commodious and substantial residence, and purchased seventy acres of the home farm, continuing its operation until the death of his father, when he purchased the interest of the other heirs and came into possession of the entire tract, his holdings comprising one hundred and eighty-six acres, of which sixty acres adjoined the village of Disco, and a portion of this has since been platted and sold in town lots. He engaged in the work of general farming for many years, and in addition to his other interests was extensively engaged in the raising of hogs. Through his careful management and unremitting diligence he acquired a comfortable competence, so that in 1902 he retired from all active business pursuits and now rents his land, from which he derives an income sufficient to supply himself and family with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He and his wife, however, continue to reside on the home farm.

Unto our subject and his wife have

been born three sons and two daughters, as follows: Frank, who wedded Margaret Manifold and resides in Page county, Iowa; Mary, now the wife of John R. Blythe, of Morris county, Kansas; Robert, who married Catherine Blythe and makes his home near La Harpe; John Irwin, who wedded Bessie Freeland and is now living near Blackwell, Oklahoma; and Emma Jane, the wife of Dr. Roy Hurdle, a practicing dentist of Mount Sterling, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Shutwell have reared a family of whom they have every reason to be proud and have lived to see all of them married and comfortably situated in life.

In his political views Mr. Shutwell is a staunch republican and aside from holding the office of school director for one term has taken no active part in public affairs. Many wonderful changes have occurred since he took up his abode in this county as the forests have been cleared and in their stead are now seen valuable and productive tracts of land, in the midst of which many thriving towns and villages have sprung into existence, and progress has been made along all lines of commercial, industrial and agricultural development, and in this work Mr. Shutwell has taken an active and helpful part. He has spent a very busy and active life and with the assistance of his estimable wife they have accumulated a competence which now enables them to live in honorable retirement, enjoying the fruits of their former toil. They are excellent people, highly esteemed throughout the county, where they are known for their many excellent traits of heart and mind.

#### WILLIAM HENRY MOORE.

William Henry Moore, a retired farmer living in Carthage, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil, is a native of Delaware, having been born in Newcastle county, on the 26th of March, 1832, his parents being Andrew and Abigail (Tweed) Moore. His parents were likewise natives of that county, the former born January 13, 1805, and the latter on the 16th of July, 1805. The father was a tanner by trade, and hoping to enjoy better business opportunities in the new and growing west where competition was not so great, he removed to Hancock county, Illinois, where he arrived on the 28th of May, 1837. He found himself on the frontier, the work of improvement and progress being scarcely begun. Much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated and the task of development largely lay in the future. He resided upon a farm in Bear Creek township, finding a claim upon which a log cabin had been built. Soon afterward, however, he removed to a prairie claim, where he built a log house. The homes of the settlers were widely scattered and the countryside was covered with timber or else by the native prairie grasses. The pioneer condition of the district is evidenced by the fact that there were many wild deer, and lesser game was to be had in abundance. Venison was no unusual dish on the table of the early settlers and turkeys, prairie chickens and quail furnished many a meal for the residents of that period. Andrew Moore followed farming in Bear Creek township until 1865, when he re-

tired from active life, sold his property and removed to Marion county, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days. He died in February, 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years, and was buried in Moss Ridge cemetery, at Carthage. His wife survived until June 22, 1890, and was then laid to rest by the side of her husband. Mr. Moore had voted with the Republican party, which he joined on its organization, and he served as township clerk and justice of the peace. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church, in which Mr. Moore held all of the offices and in the work of which they took an active and helpful part. In the family were seven children: William Henry, of this review; Mary Elizabeth, who is the widow of Wesley C. Williams, and lives with her brother William; Levi B., who resides in Denison, Texas; Anna Maria, the wife of Calender Rohrbaugh, of Kinmundy, Marion county, Illinois; and Rachel, the wife of John E. Cochran, of Elderville, Hancock county. One son Levi B. Moore, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment of Illinois Mounted Cavalry. He remained from 1862 until 1865 in the service and participated in the siege of Vicksburg under Grant.

William Henry Moore, reared amid pioneer surroundings, acquired his education in the old-time log schoolhouses of Hancock county, where instruction was given in reading, writing, arithmetic and perhaps a few other of the elementary branches of learning. In 1849, attracted by the discovery of gold in California, he made his way to the mining regions,

spending several years upon the Pacific coast. In May, 1855, he returned to Hancock county and began farming in Prairie township. His experience in youth as an assistant in his father's fields now came in good play and he carefully and systematically directed his farm work, which he carried on successfully until 1890. As the years passed by his capital was increased until he became a man in affluent circumstances. In 1890 he retired from further business cares. In 1883 he removed to Carthage and purchased a beautiful home on Head street, since which time he has lived in this city, now enjoying the comforts which have come to him as the result of his active labor in former years.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Moore chose Miss Helen Maria Page, whom he wedded on the 1st of February, 1860, and who was born in Vermont, December 16, 1839, her parents being Ozra and Elmira (Morse) Page, also natives of the Green Mountain state. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and in 1848 came to Carthage, but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home, for he died July 19, 1851. His wife survived him until 1857, and lies buried in the Basco (Illinois) cemetery, while Mr. Page was laid to rest in Carthage cemetery. They were both earnest Christian people and held membership in the Methodist church. In their family were five children: Helen Maria, now Mrs. Page; Henry W., who is living near Arbela, Missouri; and Cynthia, the wife of George Rand, of Nebraska. Henry W. Page was a soldier of the Civil war, serv-



ing in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Regiment. His brother, Zeno D. Page, now deceased, was also a defender of the Union cause, enlisting in the Twelfth Illinois Cavalry. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moore have been born four children, all natives of Hancock county, of whom three are now living. Frank E. is a hardware merchant residing in Sulphur, Indian Territory. Lewis A. resides in Evanston, and is general adjuster for the Traders Insurance Company, is married and has two sons, Leonard Page and William C., aged respectively seven and two years. Anna Laura is the wife of William Bruce, who was killed in the Chicago switchyards in 1899. She now lives with her father and has two children: Helen, who was born September 24, 1895, and William Ronald, who was born August 9, 1898. Their father, William Bruce, was a native of New York.

Mr. Moore owns two improved farms in Hancock county, which bring to him a good financial return. One comprises a quarter section in Prairie township, and the other embraces one hundred and sixty acres in Bear Creek township and both are now rented advantageously. In his political views Mr. Moore is an earnest republican, and in 1880 served as road supervisor. He has also been path master and alderman of Carthage for two terms, discharging his official duties in prompt and capable manner. He is an Odd Fellow and has passed all of the chairs in the subordinate lodge. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and are actively interested in its work, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influ-

ence. Mr. Moore is a man of good heart, honest and kindly and of upright principles, and has made it the aim of his life to follow the golden rule.

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#### JOSEPHUS NEWELL.

Josephus Newell, a farmer and stock-raiser living on section 6, Wythe township, was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, July 31, 1839. His parents were David and Rebecca (Carson) Newell, the former born in Kentucky, May 16, 1803, and the latter in Indiana, January 31, 1807. They were married in Danville, Illinois, at which time Mrs. Newell was the widow of Mr. Doubleday. By her former marriage she had one daughter, now Mrs. Mary Ann Byard. The year 1835 witnessed the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Newell in Van Buren county, Iowa. They cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers in a region where Indians were still numerous and which was infested with wild beasts. They lived in true pioneer style, sharing in the hardships and privations that usually fall to the lot of those who establish homes on the frontier and bearing their share in the work of general improvement. On leaving Van Buren county they removed to Davis county, Iowa, where they resided until 1851, when they became residents of Wythe township, Hancock county, Illinois.

Here Mr. Newell rented a farm until

1860, when he purchased eighty acres of land upon which he spent his remaining days, his death occurring on the 4th of June, 1874. Many years before he had lost his first wife, who died February 13, 1848, and subsequently he had married Catherine Rose, who passed away about 1867.

Josephus Newell was the fourth in order of birth in a family of five sons and two daughters. He lived with his father to the age of eighteen years and in a district school of Wythe township mastered the usual branches of learning therein taught. When eighteen years of age he started out in life on his own account, working as a farm hand until 1862, when he made his way westward to Denver, Colorado, and thence into the mountains where he engaged in mining and in herding cattle. Also during his sojourn in the west he freighted across the plains from Denver to the Missouri river. After four years of that somewhat wild and dangerous life, during which he experienced many of the hardships and excitements incident to life on the borders of civilization, he returned to the old homestead and assisted his father until the latter's death. He continued to reside upon the home farm until 1881, when he sold that place, and in connection with his brother James purchased one hundred acres of land on section 6, Wythe township. This was partially covered with timber. The brothers cultivated the farm for a time, but in the spring of 1902 James Newell sold his half of the farm and went to Oklahoma, where he now resides.

Mr. Newell of this review is here carrying on general agricultural pursuits and

stock-raising, keeping horses, cattle and hogs upon his place. Through the rotation of crops and other advanced methods of farming, he has made his land very productive and everything about the farm is indicative of the skill and supervision of the owner, who is both practical and progressive in his methods.

In September, 1879, Mr. Newell was married to Mary Simpson, a native of Buffalo, New York, and the widow of Anthony Ritenauer. By her former marriage she had two children: Anthony, who died in infancy; and Annie E., now the wife of Alexander Magness, of Belfast, Iowa. To her marriage to Mr. Newell one child was born, Adelaide, whose birth occurred July 14, 1880. Mrs. Newell passed away July 19, 1886, and was laid to rest in the Wythe cemetery.

Mr. Newell is independent in politics nor has he ever sought or desired public office. He has concentrated his efforts upon his business interests and has lived a life of unremitting diligence and perseverance, working hard year after year to accumulate a comfortable competence.

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#### WILLIAM HARVEY MARSHALL.

William Harvey Marshall, a leading representative of agricultural interests in Hancock county, with his home farm in Montebello township and adjoining property in Prairie township, was born in

Richland county, Ohio, November 21, 1848, his parents being William and Nancy (Thompson) Marshall, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The grandfather, James Marshall, was likewise born in the Keystone state and the paternal and maternal grandparents of our subject removed from the east to Ohio, the former settling in Richland and the latter in Wayne county. At a later date James Marshall went to Marion county, Iowa, where he secured land and spent his remaining days. His grandson and namesake, James Marshall, Jr., the eldest brother of our subject, was visiting him in Iowa at the time of the breaking out of the Civil war and there, his patriotic spirit aroused, he enlisted in the defense of the Union as a member of the Eighth Iowa Infantry. In the first day of the battle of Shiloh he was wounded in the leg and was captured by the Confederates, remaining in their hands until they were repulsed. He did not receive proper medical attention, but was taken to an old house, where his leg was amputated. He was then placed on board a Mississippi river steamboat, which was used for hospital purposes and which was bound for Keokuk, but he died about four miles below that city, and was buried in the soldiers' cemetery at Keokuk. His father, in Ohio, learning of his son's wound, started to look for him in the hospitals at Cincinnati, and not finding him there went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he examined the hospitals. Still unsuccessful in his search he proceeded up the river to Keokuk, where he learned that his son had died and was buried. The father then started upon the return

trip and passed through Hancock county. He was so greatly impressed with the country and its possibilities and prospects that after the war he disposed of his property in Ohio and purchased one hundred acres of land in Montebello township, which was an improved prairie farm. He then took up his abode upon that place and the following winter bought one hundred and eighty acres of land in Wythe township but never resided on the latter tract. Eventually he retired from active business life and removed to Elvaston, where he died December 27, 1895, having for several years survived his wife, who passed away in October, 1889. They were the parents of five sons and five daughters: Melissa, the wife of Captain M. Geddes, of Butler county, Kansas; Lula, the wife of George Hastings, of the city of Oklahoma; Archibald L., of Knox county, Missouri; William Harvey, of this review; Willis, who is living in Monmouth, Illinois; and John W., also a resident of Oklahoma.

William Harvey Marshall largely acquired his education in the district schools of Ashland county, Ohio, and spent one term as a student in the academy at Hayesville, Ohio. He remained with his parents until 1875 and assisted in the farm work, gaining thorough and practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On starting out in life on his own account he rented a farm of eighty acres on section 13, Montebello township, and a year later he secured a companion and helpmate for life's journey by his marriage on the 20th of January, 1876, to

Miss Annette Harper, a native of Tennessee, and a daughter of Frank and Elizabeth (Johnson) Harper. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were born two children: Ruby, who was born November 1, 1876, and is now the wife of Herbert L. Campbell, of Montebello township, and Mabel A., who was born December 5, 1877, and is now a teacher in the public schools at Camp Point, Illinois. The wife and mother died December 14, 1877, and on the 29th of October, 1881, Mr. Marshall wedded Ettie May Kirkpatrick, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, May 1, 1857, a daughter of Benjamin J. and Mary Turner (Orr) Kirkpatrick, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky respectively. Her paternal grandparents were John and Eliza (Cox) Kirkpatrick, natives of North Carolina, and her maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Turner) Orr, who were natives of Kentucky. By the second marriage of Mr. Marshall there are six children: William F., born February 5, 1883; Mary Josephine, born April 25, 1885; Frederick Lee, April 25, 1887; Harvey Paul, February 14, 1889; Geraldine, July 28, 1891; and Jeanette, March 29, 1892.

Following his marriage William H. Marshall purchased eighty acres of land from his father. There were some buildings upon the place but he has set out all of the trees and has erected his present residence, a two-story frame dwelling. He also built a large barn in 1889 and has since put an addition thereto, making it a commodious structure sixty-two by thirty-six feet. He now owns one hundred and five acres of land on section 19, Prairie township, which corners with his

home place, and in 1892 he set out a fine apple orchard and also has fifty peach trees upon his farm. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raises cattle and Poland China hogs. His farm is now a splendidly developed property and from the sale of his products he derives a good income. He votes with the Republican party but is without aspiration for office and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church.

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#### WILLIAM PERRIN.

William Perrin, who since 1871 has been a resident of La Harpe and for many years was closely associated with its commercial interests as proprietor of a drug store but is now living retired, was born in Stockbridge, England, November 30, 1836, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Gulliver) Perrin, both of whom were natives of Stockridge, the former born October 20, 1803, and the latter September 20, 1810. The paternal grandparents were Richard and Catherine (Hulbert) Perrin, both of whom were natives of Hampshire, England, and the maternal grandfather, George Gulliver, was also born in England. In his early youth William Perrin, Sr., worked with his father at the shoemaker's trade for several years and afterward turned his attention to commercial pursuits, being

engaged in the grocery and dry goods business with a brother. In this he continued until the spring of 1847, when, crossing the Atlantic to the new world to enjoy its broader business opportunities, he made his way to Monmouth, Illinois, where he arrived on the 27th of June. Soon afterward he purchased a farm three miles northwest of that city, took up his abode thereon and made it his home until 1856, when he sold the property and removed to Monmouth, where he lived for a number of years. During the period of the Civil war, however, he traded some town property for a farm four miles northwest of the city and removed to that place, whereon his wife died August 20, 1868. He later traded that farm for real estate in Monmouth and continued to reside there until his death, which occurred July 10, 1886.

William Perrin of this review was the second in a family of three sons and six daughters. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his youth after coming to America with his parents when about eleven years of age. He continued under the parental roof until 1860, when he began farming on his own account by renting forty acres of land four miles west of Monmouth. He afterwards rented another farm the next season and his first crop was a good one but the second one was a failure, for the season was very wet. About that time he put aside all personal and business considerations in order to respond to his country's call for aid to crush out the rebellion in the south and on the 6th of August, 1862, he enlisted as a member of Company F,

Eighty-third Regiment of Illinois Infantry, under command of Captain John T. Morgan and Colonel A. C. Harding. This regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and the troops proceeded from Burlington by boat to St. Louis, Missouri, where they were transferred to a larger boat and taken to Cairo, Illinois. On the 3d of September they took a steamer to Fort Henry and afterward went to Fort Donelson, Tennessee. They were in the battle on the 3d of February, 1863, the Union troops engaging generals Forrest and Wheeler with eight thousand men. Mr. Perrin's brother-in-law was standing by his side and was shot. He was then taken to the hospital at Paducah, Kentucky, and there died from lock-jaw on the 23d of February, 1864.

At the close of the war he was taken to Nashville, Tennessee, where he was mustered out June 26, 1865, and with his regiment went to Chicago, where the men received their pay and were discharged July 4, 1865. He made a creditable military record, being always at his post of duty whether on the lonely picket line or on the firing line. After being discharged he started for his father's home near Monmouth. Not long afterward he made arrangements to enter business life by purchasing a stock of drugs, which he offered for sale in the Seminary block in Monmouth. There he carried on business until he sold out to Dr. Cuthbert, who afterward sold to Dr. A. V. T. Gilbert. In the summer of 1871, Mr. Perrin came to La Harpe, where he purchased the drug stock of Dr. Sutton and continued in business until

December 14, 1900, when he sold out to J. N. Campbell. He was for almost thirty years a leading druggist in this town and conducted a profitable business, having a well appointed store and doing everything in his power to meet the wishes of his patrons, so that he enjoyed a large trade. After selling his stock he conducted the business, however, for one year for Mr. Campbell and then clerked for two years for Mr. Knappenberger. Since that time he has lived retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. He owns a fine brick residence in La Harpe and also the south half of the Masonic block, which is two stories in height and which contains a store building. This brings him a good income.

On the 4th of October, 1866, Mr. Perrin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Todd, who was born in Burlington, Iowa, May 31, 1845, and is a daughter of Miles and Eunice (Haight) Todd, natives of Ohio. The children of this marriage are as follows: Flora Emma, born August 6, 1867; Mary E., born November 10, 1870, and now the wife of E. G. Braymen, of Monett, Missouri; William Miles, who was born January 30, 1873, and died February 17, 1874; Harriet Eunice, who was born November 27, 1874, and is at home; Arthur E., who was born October 5, 1876, and is living in Monett, Missouri; George Gulliver, born October 28, 1878, and now a student in the University of Chicago; and Fleming Allen, born April 29, 1884, and is now a student in Champaign.

Mr. Perrin is a member of the Christian church, in which he has served as elder since 1899 and also as clerk. He takes

an active interest in church work and does all in his power to extend its influence and promote its growth. In politics he is a republican and served as school director in La Harpe township, but otherwise has sought nor desired public office. His undivided attention in former years was given to his business interests, which, being carefully managed, brought to him a good financial return and now, with a comfortable competence gained through his own labors, he is living retired in the enjoyment of well-earned ease.

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#### C. A. ECKLES.

C. A. Eckles is the owner of a fine farming property comprising three hundred and eighty-seven acres in Durham township on section 13, and he also has eighty acres on section 7, La Harpe township, together with five acres of timber in the latter township. Starting out in life on his own account at the age of fourteen years, and providing to a considerable extent for his mother and sisters, he certainly deserves much credit for the success he has achieved and his life record should serve as a source of inspiration to others, proving what may be accomplished through perseverance and close adherence to the rules which govern unfaltering diligence and unswerving integrity.

A native of Adams county, Illinois, he was born in 1853, and is a son of Samuel and Diana (Hopson) Eckles, the

former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Both were married twice. The father was a carpenter by trade and removed to Illinois in 1851, becoming a resident of Durham township, Hancock county, in the fall of 1854. He lived the life of an honest, upright and enterprising farmer, was loyal to the best interests of the community and gave his political support to the democracy. He died in 1876, while the mother of our subject passed away in 1872. Both were interred in Durham cemetery. After losing her first husband the mother became the wife of Samuel Eckles. Unto Samuel and Diana Eckles were born six children: C. A.; Emma C., who died at the age of eleven years; Narcissa B., deceased wife of Horace Dodd, who has also passed away; Johanna, the wife of Isaac G. Kilgore, of La Harpe; Ella, the wife of John Kilgore, of Nebraska; and Mahala, the wife of Charles Cambron, living in La-Crosse, Illinois.

C. A. Eckles was only about a year old when his parents removed from Adams county to Durham township and here in the public schools he was educated. He lost his father when fourteen years of age and remained with his mother, assisting her in the work of the farm, until twenty-six years of age, when he went to Colorado, working in the Leadville mines for two years. Following his marriage he settled on the old homestead in Durham township and lived in the old house until 1902, when he erected an elegant country home, supplied with all modern improvements and conveniences. He has also built fine barns and sheds, has built fences and put up windmills and is now the

owner of one of the model farms of the county, comprising three hundred and eighty-seven acres on section 13, Durham township, and eighty acres on section 7, La Harpe township, in addition to which he owns a five-acre timber tract. He is a general farmer and also raises considerable stock, his farming interests being so carefully, systematically and admirably managed that he seems to have realized the utmost possibility for successful accomplishment.

In 1882 Mr. Eckles was married to Miss Frances B. Nichols, who was born in La Harpe township, in 1859, a daughter of Joseph and Thirza (Murdock) Nichols, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and came to Hancock county in 1852, the father settling on a farm in La Harpe township, where he became an extensive dealer in stock. Both he and his wife have now passed away. Of their seven children, only two are living: Mrs. Eckles; and Ida, wife of David R. Sights, of La Harpe township. Mr. and Mrs. Eckles had four children: Amy, Ada and Marion, all at home; and Inez, who died at the age of two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckles are members of the Methodist Protestant church and he belongs to the Durham Lodge of Woodmen and to the La Harpe Lodge of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs. In politics he is a democrat and has served for two terms as supervisor of Durham township, also as highway commissioner and as a member of the school board. His fellow townsmen have also given other evidences of their confidence in him and he is in every way worthy of their trust.

## WILLIAM JAMES TOMLINSON.

William James Tomlinson, whose life has been one of earnest labor characterized by fidelity to duty and straightforward dealing in all relations, makes his home in Augusta, where he is now acting as sexton of the Christian church. He was born in Humphreys county, Tennessee, August 9, 1837, a son of Daniel and Emily (Ridings) Tomlinson, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of North Carolina. The father removed to Tennessee when a schoolboy and the mother became a resident of that state when only three years of age. Mr. Tomlinson engaged in farming throughout the period of his residence there and in 1852 he came to Illinois, making an overland journey with horse teams. He settled in Jackson county, this state, where he purchased eighty acres of land, which he cultivated and improved, making a good home there for himself and family. In 1854, however, he removed to Augusta township, Hancock county, where he rented land and continued farming until 1859, when, on the 20th of October of that year, his life's labors were ended in death. He passed away at the age of fifty-three years and ten days. He was a democrat in politics and was known as a man of thorough reliability. His wife long survived him and passed away March 22, 1895, on the old homestead west of Augusta at the advanced age of eighty-six years. She was a member of the Baptist church and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Pulaski cemetery. In the family were nine children, but only two are now living.

William J. Tomlinson acquired his early education in a log schoolhouse at the place of his nativity and in his youth assisted his father upon the home farm. He afterward attended school in Augusta for a short time and when eighteen years of age he began working as a section hand on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. There his capability and trustworthiness gained him promotion and for twenty-two years he had charge of section 43 at Augusta, filling the position continuously until 1898. Since his retirement from the railroad service he has acted as sexton of the Christian church at Augusta. He has always lived a busy life interrupted only by his service in the Civil war, for which he enlisted on the 12th of August, 1862, becoming a member of Company A, Eighty-ninth Illinois Infantry, with which he served until the close of hostilities, when he was mustered out with his regiment at Nashville, Tennessee, June 10, 1865. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain and the Atlanta campaign, also the engagements at Franklin and Nashville and many others of lesser importance. He was wounded at Pickett's Mills, Georgia. As a soldier he was brave and loyal, always at his post of duty whether it called him to the firing line or the lonely picket line. He is now a member of Union Post, No. 302, Grand Army of the Republic, at Augusta and served for some time as its quartermaster.

Following his return from the army Mr. Tomlinson was married at Augusta on the 2d of June, 1867, to Miss Anjaline Booker, a daughter of Samuel J. and Sarah W. (Haworth) Booker. Her fa-



ther was born in West Virginia and when seven years of age became a resident of Vermilion county, Illinois. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming and his last days were spent in Adams county. He, too, was a soldier of the Civil war, serving with the boys in blue of Company C, Seventy-eighth Illinois Infantry. His wife died in Lawrence, Kansas, at the age of sixty-five years. Mrs. Tomlinson was educated in Augusta and has lived in the village since 1864. By this marriage there have been born nine children: Ella G., who died at the age of thirteen months; August F., police magistrate at Galesburg, Illinois, who married Susie Raymond and has five children—Kenneth C., William Carroll, Charles L., deceased, Lois and Jesse L.; Rosette M., a teacher in the public schools of Elvaston; Effie, who became the wife of Elmer J. Bellew and died leaving one son, Chellis; Jennie, who died at the age of three years; Bertha, who is a typesetter in the office of the Augusta Eagle; Mary, who died at the age of seven years; Jessie, who died at the age of eight years; and James Robert, at home. All of the children were born in the residence which the parents yet occupy, Mr. Tomlinson having built the home in 1868. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and he belongs to Augusta camp, No. 527, Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, which was the defense of the Union in the Civil war and which has always been the party of reform and progress. He is today a valued and respected citizen of Augusta and in public affairs has manifested the same loyal and

progressive spirit which characterized his military service on the battlefields of the south.

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#### WILLIAM C. STIDUM.

William C. Stidum, residing on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 18, Pilot Grove township, is a native of Hancock county, Kentucky, born April 17, 1843. His parents were Henry and Sarah (Marene) Stidum, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Indiana. They removed from Kentucky to Perry county, Indiana, where both passed away.

William C. Stidum resided in his native county until he had attained his majority and his education was acquired in the common schools. His mother died in 1854, when he was only eleven years of age and he soon afterward started out in life on his own account, working on various farms until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1861, he enlisted as a member of Company B, Seventeenth Kentucky Regiment, and served until the close of hostilities. He was in the battle of Fort Donelson, Corinth, Shiloh, Missionary Ridge and other important military movements, including the march from Atlanta to the sea, and was honorably discharged and mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, having made a creditable record as a soldier by his unflinching bravery and loyalty. He enlisted as a private soldier but in about one month's time he was promoted to the duties of colorbearer for his regiment.

After the war Mr. Stidum returned to Hancock county, Kentucky, where he engaged in farming for about two years. He then came to Illinois, settling at Tolono, Champaign county, where he also spent about two years, after which he came to Hancock county, taking up his abode in Durham township, where he followed farming on rented land for five years. He next removed to Pilot Grove township, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of partially improved land, whereon he made a home for himself and family. For thirteen years he lived upon that farm, after which he sold the property and bought his present place, which at that time was only partially improved. He has here erected a good residence, barns and other outbuildings and has developed a model farm property equipped with all modern accessories and conveniences. In addition he owns eighty acres adjoining the homestead property and throughout his entire life he has carried on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with a creditable measure of success.

On the 8th of November, 1876, Mr. Stidum was married to Mrs. Sarah E. Haley, a native of Durham township, Hancock county, Illinois, and a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Phillips) Shinn, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. Her parents came to Illinois about 1854, settling in Durham township, where Mr. Shinn engaged in farming where he lived until his death. He died at about the age of eighty-two years and his wife survived him for about three weeks, passing away at the age of sixty-eight. He was one of the prosperous men of his day.

Their daughter Sarah was educated in the schools of Durham township and there reared to womanhood. She first married a Mr. Haley, by whom she had one daughter, Stella, now the wife of James Bassett, a farmer of Dallas township, by whom she has three children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stidum have been born three children. Jesse D. resides on his father's farm, which he operates. He is now twenty-seven years of age and he married Miss Pearl Wright, a daughter of John Wright, of Webster, Illinois, by whom he had one child, who died in infancy. In politics he is a Republican and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. William S. resides upon the home farm. Roy E. is a farmer of Pilot Grove township, renting forty acres of land, and he also aids in the operation of the old home place. Roy E. is twenty-three years of age and recently married Miss Inez Towles, daughter of Mr. Sterling Towles, of Plymouth, Illinois.

In politics Mr. Stidum is a republican, but is without aspiration for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and other interests.

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#### JACOB GROVE.

Jacob Grove was one of the earliest settlers of Hancock county, where he took up his abode in April, 1836. From that time until his death he was closely associated with the early development of

the county and although more than sixty years have been added to the cycle of the centuries since he passed away, he should be mentioned and honored as one of those who aided in laying the foundation for the present development and progress of this part of the state.

A native of Page county, Virginia, he was born in October, 1809, a son of Christian and Mary (Gochenour) Grove, who were likewise natives of the Old Dominion. Educated in the subscription schools, Jacob Grove afterward learned and followed the miller's trade in Virginia, where he owned a grist mill. While still residing in that state he was married to Miss Rebecca Lionberger, who was born in Page county, Virginia, June 10, 1816, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Burner) Lionberger, natives of the same county, and a granddaughter of John and Barbara (Hershberger) Lionberger, who were born in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandparents were John and Lythia (Young) Burner, natives of Virginia.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Grove was celebrated January 16, 1834, and for a year thereafter they remained in their native state, after which they sold their property there and started with team and wagon for Illinois. They left their old home in September and in November reached Sangamon county, where they spent the winter, coming in April, 1836, to Hancock county where for two years Mr. Grove operated a rented farm. He then, in company with Joseph Lionberger, bought three hundred and twenty acres of land in Pilot Grove township, where they built the saw and grist mill on

Crooked creek. About this time they owned and operated a dry goods store in La Harpe, taking produce of all kinds in exchange for goods which they shipped on flatboats to New Orleans.

In 1842 he went to New Orleans to sell flour and bacon, making the journey down the Mississippi on a flatboat and while there he contracted a fever, which terminated his life three days after his return home, his death occurring July 15, 1842. He was a member of the Baptist church and a democrat in his political views. Men who knew him respected and honored him, for he was always just and upright in all life's relations. Following his death the mill was conducted by Joseph Lionberger until the time of the Civil war, when it was washed away in an overflow of the creek and never rebuilt.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Grove lived with her father who also came to Hancock county in April, 1836, and owned the land where the town of La Crosse now stands. She continued to live with her father until after her children were grown and following his death, in January, 1868, she bought sixty acres of prairie land on section 7, Fountain Green township and forty acres of timber on section 1, Pilot Grove township. With the help of her children she conducted the farm and the business was carefully managed.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Grove had been born the following named: Benjamin F., born in Virginia, November 7, 1834, is a partner of his brothers, W. Scott and Joseph N., in the ownership of the home place, where they live.

William Harrison, who was born September 1, 1837, and was married and resided in Pilot Grove township, died May 31, 1897, leaving five sons and a daughter. Mary V., born May 19, 1839, is the widow of Calvin Phelps and resides in Pilot Grove township. Winfield Scott, born August 3, 1841, is a partner of his brother Benjamin. In 1872 these brothers bought one hundred and eighty-six acres of the home place and have since conducted their farming interests in partnership. In connection with the tilling of the soil they have raised Percheron horses since 1886, when they imported two stallions and two mares. They now keep two full-blooded Percheron stallions and they also keep and raise Durham cattle and Poland China hogs. They are well known and successful stockmen, with large business interests, which they are capably conducting.

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#### FARMER NUDD.

Farmer Nudd, who is an extensive landowner and makes his home in La Harpe, is numbered among the native sons of La Harpe township, where his birth occurred on the 1st of November, 1844. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Wales) Nudd, were both natives of New England, the former born in Massachusetts and the latter in New Hampshire. The paternal grandfather, Robert Nudd, was a native of Scotland and married a Miss

Pinkham, who was also born in that country. The maternal grandfather was Samuel Wales, a native of the old Granite state.

Joseph Warren Nudd, removing from New England in 1832, became a resident of Quincy, Illinois, where he remained until 1834. He was married there and afterward removed to La Harpe, which then contained but two houses and the little hamlet was called Franklin. He entered three hundred and twenty acres of land a half mile south and one mile west of the village on section 20, La Harpe township, and began to till the soil, improving the place until he had brought the farm under a high state of cultivation. He lived there until 1855, when he sold the property and took up his abode in La Harpe. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable and productive land two miles south of the town and he also owned twenty-seven acres in La Harpe, extending from the square to the depot, which has since been divided and sold off in town lots. He lived in a house on the south side of the square, which is still standing and is one of the old landmarks of the town, it being one of the first dwellings which were erected in the village. He was closely associated with many of the events of the early days which indicate the trend of public progress and improvement and he always gave his support to any measure or movement that was calculated to advance the general welfare. He held several positions of political preferment, including that of justice of the peace and was also school treasurer in his township for many years. His wife passed away December 3, 1868, and he

spent his last years with his daughter, Mrs. Sarah C. Gochenour, who lived two and a half miles south and a half mile east of La Harpe. There his death occurred in January, 1890, and thus passed away one of the prominent and honored pioneers of the county, who had resided in this section of the state for fifty-six years. Their children were: Joseph Warren, who died in 1865, at the age of twenty-five years; Farmer, the subject of this review; Hammond Woodman, who died in 1890, at the age of forty-five years; Pinkham Wales, a resident of Loudon, Arkansas; and Sarah Emma, the wife of David Gochenour, of La Harpe township.

Farmer Nudd, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in the public schools of La Harpe and at the age of eighteen years started out in life on his own account. He went to the west with a company of men including Sydney Tuttle, Israel Brundage, James N. Younger, Charles Thompson and several others, being one hundred and six days on the way to Virginia City. He started to work in the gold mines, receiving at different times six, ten and twelve dollars per day. He also took up claims and worked for himself, remaining a resident of Montana until the fall of 1866. With his companions he built a flatboat and they thus made their way down the Missouri river from Fort Benton to Omaha, Nebraska, in company with twelve others. At the last named point they took a steamer to St. Joseph, Missouri, and thus proceeded to Keokuk, Iowa, from which point Mr. Nudd made his way to his home in Hancock county, Illinois. Here he turned his attention to farming and for two years op-

erated a rented farm. He then purchased forty acres of land on section 32, La Harpe township, which he afterward traded to his father for the home place of three hundred and forty acres. He removed to the latter farm and thereon engaged in the tilling of the soil and in stock-raising. He still owns that place, which is now being conducted by his son Harry and his son also lives upon the old homestead. Since his return from the west Mr. Nudd has enjoyed a very successful career. He worked diligently and energetically to bring his farm under a high state of cultivation and as the result of the care and labor which he bestowed upon the fields he reaped bounteous harvests. From time to time he made judicious investment in property until his landed possessions now aggregate seven hundred acres, of which three hundred and eighty acres is in La Harpe township and the remainder in Fountain Green township. He lived upon the home farm until the spring of 1899, when he purchased a fine residence in the central part of La Harpe. It is one of the most attractive and best located homes in the village and here he resides with his wife and son Clay.

On the 8th of March, 1868, Mr. Nudd was united in marriage to Miss Rosabelle Vincent, who was born in La Harpe township, April 8, 1847, upon the site of the present fair ground. She was educated in the public schools and became a successful teacher, being connected with the work of the schoolroom from 1864 until 1868. She is a daughter of Samuel C. Vincent, who was born near Buffalo, New York, and married Jane Andrews, whose birth occurred at Great Barrington, Connecticut.

Her parents were married in the Empire state and removing westward settled in Elgin, Illinois, where they remained for a short time. They then came to this township and purchased land on the west of the town, where Mr. Vincent lived up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 15th of August, 1870. For twenty years he was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Hancock county through the winter seasons. He was a well educated man and a successful educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired, so that he gave excellent satisfaction in his school work. His wife passed away in January, 1890. In their family were the following named: Mary Adell, who married Cowden Bryan and after his death wedded Wesley Cassingham, and resides in La Harpe, Illinois; Rosabell, now Mrs. Nudd; Frances Adelaide, the wife of Frank James, a resident of Galesburg, Illinois; Byron Z., of Shenandoah, Iowa; Juie, who became the wife of Charles Sanford, and died in November, 1876; and Elma, who died in La Harpe, October 25, 1903.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nudd have been born four children, as follows: Joseph Samuel, Harry and Clay, all residing in La Harpe township; and May, who was born May 17, 1880, and died February 17, 1906. In his political views Mr. Nudd is a stalwart democrat and has served as commissioner of highways, as assessor of his township and as supervisor since 1902, his last term expiring on the 3d of April, 1906. In all of his public service he has been found faithful, capable, prompt and efficient. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the

Royal Arch degree and he is well known in La Harpe as a man of many good traits of character, whose business success has been worthily achieved and honorably won and now in possession of splendid property interests which yield him a good income he is living retired in one of the beautiful homes of La Harpe, surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries which go to make life worth living.

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#### ANDREW KIRBY.

Andrew Kirby, conducting a real estate and loan agency business at Dallas City, was born near Lomax, in Henderson county, Illinois, March 8, 1858, a son of Joseph and Jane (Swymer) Kirby. The father was born June 8, 1822, on the eastern shore of Maryland, and the mother's birth occurred in Downingtown, Chester county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of February, 1822. Joseph Kirby was a farmer by occupation, and in 1838 removed to Henderson county, Illinois, where he engaged in tilling the soil until his death, with the exception of a period of four or five years spent in the mining regions of California. He died June 19, 1879, and is still survived by his wife, who lives at the old home. In their family were four children, of whom two are living: Minerva, the wife of G. H. Messick, who resides near Lomax, Illinois; and Andrew.

Having acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, Andrew Kir-

by afterward attended Denmark Academy in Iowa and Elliott's Business College. at Burlington, Iowa. He afterward remained upon the home farm until he had attained his majority and subsequently engaged in farming on his own account in Henderson county until 1896. He was afterward engaged in the conduct of a meat market and grocery store for several years but had been connected to a greater or less extent with real estate operations and has recently opened a real estate office and loan agency, in which he has met with splendid success. His sales of land exceed the business of many another real estate dealer of the county and he is represented in various sections by agents selling Texas land. He has thoroughly acquainted himself with property values in Dallas City and Hancock county, as well as in the southwest, and has a large clientage, so that his annual sales of real estate are now extensive. He is also conducting a loan agency and is engaged in the insurance business, representing the following insurance companies: National of Hartford, the Fire Association of Philadelphia, and the German Alliance, of New York, and he now writes a large amount of insurance annually and has a good business in its various departments, his offices being pleasantly located in the Byers Building on Oak street. He has laid out three additions to Dallas City, which he now owns. The first was laid out in the western part of the town in 1903, the second lies west of the first and was platted in 1904, and the third lies south of the first addition and was platted in 1906. This is being rap-

idly built up and his real estate operations are now extensive and profitable.

On the 23d of December, 1886, Mr. Kirby was married to Miss Hattie Helen Lowry, who was born in Lomax, Henderson county, in 1868, a daughter of Albert H. and Jennie Lowry, who still lives on a farm near Lomax. Her father was a soldier of the war of the rebellion, enlisting in an Illinois regiment, with which he was connected for a year, being stationed on the Rio Grande river. Mr. and Mrs. Lowry have three children: Fred, living in Williamsfield, Illinois; Mrs. Blanch White, a widow who makes her home with her parents; and Mrs. Kirby. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, all natives of Henderson county. Carl Raymond, who was born November 13, 1887, and is a student in the Dallas City high school; Guy, born August 5, 1891; Hugh, born in 1894; and Helen, in 1896. Mr. Kirby purchased the old Rallonson mansion, which was later destroyed by fire, and he then erected a pretty, modern home in the western part of the town. In politics he is a republican and has twice served as assessor of his township. He has also been a school director and is now secretary of the school board of Dallas City. Socially he is a Chapter Mason, and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. In their home is a good library and a fine collection of various ores. The home is one of culture and refinement and the members of the household occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Kirby is ambitious, energetic and enterprising—qualities which are concomi-

tants to success and form a splendid basis upon which to build prosperity.

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JAMES B. LEACH.

In a history of the pioneer residents of Hancock county it is commensurate that mention be made of James B. Leach, who is now living a retired life in the village of Augusta but who in former years was actively and prominently connected with business affairs and his life stands in exemplification of the fact that earnest purpose and unfaltering industry will bring a comfortable competence and gain simultaneously an honored name. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and well merits the rest which he is enjoying. He was born in Mason county, Kentucky, November 2, 1828, a son of Thomas and Docia Ann (Davis) Leach, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Kentucky. They were married in the Blue Grass state and throughout the greater part of his active business life the father engaged in farming but during his last three or four years he operated a coal bank within a mile and a half of Augusta. He died at the age of sixty-five years and twenty-two days, passing away March 9, 1864, in the faith of the Methodist church, of which he was a devoted and loyal member. His early political allegiance was given to the democracy but later he joined the ranks of the Republican party. His wife, long surviving him, passed away in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The remains

of both were interred in Augusta cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children, four of whom are yet living, namely: James B., of this review; Mary, the wife of Thomas E. B. Rice, of California; Orange, who is a plasterer and brick mason of Augusta; and Alice J., who makes her home with her elder brother.

James B. Leach remained in Kentucky until eight years of age, when he came to Illinois with his grandfather, Benjamin Davis, who settled in Schuyler county near Camden, where Mr. Leach remained for five years. His father, having come to the west, he then removed with him to Augusta, Illinois, but in the meantime had spent four years with his father upon the farm in Schuyler county, at the end of which time their home was established in close proximity to the village of Augusta. He started out in life on his own account when twenty-one years of age and for a year was employed on a farm in Sangamon county this state, after which he spent two years at farm labor in Adams county, whence he removed to Hancock county and worked on a farm near the village of Augusta for some time. Later he began learning the trade of a painter and paper-hanger under James Cooper and continued his active connection with that department of industrial labor until he put aside business cares.

Mr. Leach was married October 7, 1856, to Miss Mary M. Rice, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, and is a daughter of David H. and Clarinda (Wilson) Rice, who were early settlers of that county. Her father followed



farming during the greater part of his life but after removing from Adams county to Augusta he carried on blacksmithing, his death occurring in this village when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife passed away here some years before. One of their sons, Henry H. Rice, is a harness-maker, residing in Augusta. Mrs. Leach was a devoted member of the Methodist church and took an active and helpful part in its work. Her life was at all times characterized by an earnest Christian spirit and devotion to the right and she performed many deeds of kindness and acts of charity for those less fortunate than herself. She died in Augusta, February 9, 1894, and her remains were interred in the Augusta cemetery. In the family were three children, two of whom died in infancy; Carrie May and Luther L., who were the youngest and oldest respectively. One daughter, Fannie B., became the wife of James H. Coffman, present postmaster of Augusta and died at the age of thirty-five years. The children of this family were all born in Augusta in the house which Mr. Leach yet occupies.

In his religious views he is a Methodist and his political support is given to the Republican party. He has never been active as a politician in the sense of office-seeking yet served for five years as collector of the village. He has been a witness of nearly all of the improvements which have been made in Hancock county and has watched its development from a wild prairie to a highly cultivated farming district with here and there thriving towns and cities. He has done his full share to bring about this desired re-

sult and is classed among the worthy pioneer residents who in a long life has ever deserved and commanded the respect and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### ISAAC FRANKLIN LANDIS.

Isaac Franklin Landis, a prominent and influential factor of Hancock county, has been engaged in various commercial and industrial enterprises of this portion of the state, and is now engaged in general agricultural pursuits in La Harpe township, where he conducts a large farm on section 26. His birth occurred in this township, August 12, 1844, and with the exception of a brief period spent in Missouri, has always resided in this state. His paternal grandparents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Kline) Landis, were both natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and in 1842 removed to Hancock county, thus becoming pioneer settlers of this portion of the state, where they entered land from the government and engaged in farming, and here they spent their remaining days. The maternal grandparents, Isaac and Hester Ann Funk, were likewise natives of the Keystone state, their births having occurred in Bucks county, that state. Like the Landis family, they, too, became numbered among the early settlers of Hancock county and here passed away. The parents of our subject, Jacob and Mary (Funk) Landis, accompanied their respective parents to Hancock county from the east, and were here married in 1843, after which they took up their abode on

a tract of forty acres which the father had purchased, this being located on section 35. It was covered with timber and brush when he made the purchase but with characteristic energy Jacob Landis undertook the work of development and in course of time had cleared his land and placed the fields under a high state of cultivation. After about ten years here passed, the family removed to Nauvoo, where for three years the father conducted a stone quarry and lime kiln, and on the expiration of that period he again resumed farming operations on a tract of land of forty-two acres which he had purchased, this being in the same neighborhood where he had formerly lived. In addition to his farming operations he also conducted a stone quarry and lime kiln until the fall of 1860, at which time he took up his abode in the city of La Harpe. Watching with interest the great questions which were then affecting the nation, and heeding the call for troops at the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted as a member of the Fiftieth Illinois Infantry, and at once went to the front, where he lost his life in the battle of Fort Donelson, February 16, 1863, and his remains were interred at Nashville, Tennessee. He had also served in the Seminole war in Florida, and was thus a loyal patriot of his country. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Landis were born eight children, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being in order of birth: Joseph, who died March 16, 1902, at the age of fifty-seven years; Hester A., the wife of Martin Ruckman, of Denver, Missouri; Catherine, who died at the age of two years; Amanda, now the wife of

O. McDonald, a resident of La Harpe; Hannah, the wife of Smith Wade, a resident of La Harpe; Elizabeth, the widow of Asbury Evans, and a resident of Nelson, Nebraska; and Dora, the wife of Michael Collins, and a resident of La Harpe. After the death of the father the mother was married a second time, her union being with Louis Long, and her death occurred January 4, 1887.

Isaac F. Landis pursued his studies in the Maynard district school near his father's home and spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, remaining with his mother after his father's death until the time of his marriage, August 1, 1869, when he chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey, Miss Frances Finett Leavings, a native of Warren county, this state, where she acquired her education in the district schools of that section and also in Fountain Green township. Her maternal grandfather, Benamin Gates, was born in New York, served in the war of 1812 and located in Hancock county about 1832. Her paternal grandparents, John D. and Abigail (Brown) Leavings, were natives of Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, and the latter lived to the extreme old age of one hundred and two years. Her parents, John D. and Minerva E. (Gates) Leavings, were born in Chautauqua county, New York, the former October 12, 1811, and the latter January 30, 1822. They accompanied their respective parents from the east to Hancock county, the former arriving about 1832, and in this county they were married, the wedding ceremony being performed on the 11th of November, 1841, at Carthage.

The father had learned the cabinet-maker's trade in the east but never followed that business after his arrival in Hancock county. He followed general agricultural pursuits in various sections of this county until 1888, when he removed to La Harpe, where he purchased property and lived retired until his death, June 4, 1891, when he had reached the age of eighty years. His wife survived until February 16, 1901, when she, too, was called to her final rest, having reached the age of seventy-nine years. Thus passed away a highly esteemed couple of this section of the state. In their family were three sons and five daughters, of whom one son and two daughters survive: Myron A., born September 4, 1843, died September 5, 1897; Harriett C., who was born September 6, 1845, and passed away February 2, 1847; Lorenzo E., who was born October 6, 1849, and died January 8, 1876; Frances Finett, who was born April 20, 1850, and is now the wife of our subject; Seth Gates, who was born January 2, 1852, and resides in Monroe county, Missouri; Rosa Bell, who was born September 22, 1855, and died July 16, 1860; Lois Nora, who was born July 8, 1858, and died January 22, 1859; and Minnie Ella, who was born October 22, 1860, and is now the wife of T. G. Head, a resident of Idaho.

Following his marriage Mr. Landis located on a farm in La Harpe township, but a year later removed to Fountain Green township, where he continued in the same line of pursuits for ten years and then took up his abode in the city of La Harpe, where he dealt in grain and stock until 1885, meeting with very desirable

success in this business venture. He once more resumed farming operations, living on different farms which he bought in this and in Henderson counties until 1892, when he once more removed to La Harpe and engaged in the butcher business, conducting a meat market there for four years, when he disposed of his business there and removed to Lancaster, Missouri, where he engaged in the same line of trade for a short time, and again returned to this county, taking up his abode in La Harpe where he engaged in the live stock business, buying and shipping several carloads of stock annually. In 1900 he disposed of all his business interests and real-estate and removed to the farm of William Comstock, the place constituting two hundred and thirty acres, and being located on section 26, La Harpe township. Here he has since resided and is engaged in general farming, his labors bringing him very gratifying returns. For the past twenty-three years he has conducted a threshing machine, being the first man to own a traction engine in Hancock county. He is thoroughly familiar with the duties of a thresher and in this connection is employed by farmers all over the county. He likewise continues as a dealer in live stock, and each year handles a large amount of stock, which he ships to the city markets. It will thus be seen that he has not confined his energies to any one line but his ability and sound judgment enable him to carry on successfully his varied business interests, thus placing him among the foremost and influential factors of his community. In his political views and affiliations Mr. Landis is a republican, and his co-operation can always

be counted upon to further any movement which tends to advance the general interests of his locality. He has taken an active and beneficial interest in public affairs and being popular among his fellow townsmen has been called to fill a number of offices, having served as road commissioner, as assessor for fifteen terms, as alderman of La Harpe, and for two terms he acted as mayor of the city, the duties of which he has always discharged with capability and fidelity to every trust reposed in him. In the spring of 1906 he was elected supervisor of his township and as the present incumbent is loyal to the best interests of the general public. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to La Harpe lodge, No. 195.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born two sons and three daughters, of whom the eldest is deceased: Vernon Denison, who was born May 23, 1870, and died January 3, 1897; Lottie Helen, who was born April 3, 1876, and is now the wife of Charles Maynard, a resident of Henderson county; Hattie Ellen, twin sister of Lottie H., who is now the wife of Asa Bennington, a contractor and builder of buildings and bridges, and a resident of La Harpe; Minnie Emma, who was born October 19, 1880, and is now the wife of Willis Hazelwood, of Henderson county; and Quinton Herbert, who was born May 14, 1882, and is at home.

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#### BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BLACK.

Benjamin Franklin Black, whose name is on the roll of Hancock county's honored

dead, was considered to have been one of the most prominent residents of Dallas City, and the extent and importance of his business interests were a most prominent factor in the commercial development and prosperity of the town. Because of this and also by reason of many other excellent traits of character, his life was one of signal usefulness and benefit to his fellowmen, and to his family he left not only a handsome competence, but also an untarnished name. For many years his name was recognized as a synonym for business enterprise and integrity.

A native of Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, Mr. Black was born on the 28th of October, 1854, a son of Henry Farnwaldt and Mary Newell (Bliss) Black, who are mentioned on another page of this volume. The father, a prominent lumber merchant, placed his lumber interests at Carthage in care of his son, Dr. Black, when the latter was but seventeen years of age, but thinking that he would find a professional career more congenial, Dr. Black turned his attention to the task of preparing himself for such a career. His education was acquired in the college at Jacksonville, Illinois, and in Denmark Academy, in Iowa, after which he took up the study of medicine in Quincy, Illinois, in the office and under the direction of Dr. Curtis. Later he attended medical lectures in Keokuk Medical College, and spent two years in the Michigan State University, at Ann Arbor. He afterward matriculated in the Long Island College Hospital, at Brooklyn, New York, and was there graduated in 1876. Later he pursued a post-graduate course in Rush Medical College, in Chicago, in

1880. Following his graduation he practiced for eight years in Dallas City as a regular physician and surgeon and was accorded a liberal patronage, which attested his skill and ability, and showed him worthy of the public trust reposed in his professional prowess. In 1885, however, he gave up the practice of medicine and took charge of his father's business interests as a partner. His father was not only the pioneer lumberman of Dallas but also of a wide territory embracing several counties on this side of the river. In 1888 the father's health failed and Dr. Black purchased his interest in the business. As the years passed by he extended the scope of his activities and in 1892 became associated with L. M. Loomis in the ownership and control of a lumber business at Stronghurst, Illinois. Later they purchased the lumberyard at Media and Smithshire, and in 1897 these interests were incorporated under the name of the Loomis Lumber and Coal Company, with headquarters at Stronghurst. In 1901 the firm style was changed to the Black & Loomis Company, with the principal office in Dallas City and they also purchased the Dallas City lumberyard. The lumber business became a large and profitable one under the capable direction of Dr. Black and his associates, but he did not confine himself entirely to this line of trade, for in 1891 he became a member of the firm of Black, Leinbaugh & Burg in the establishment of a private bank, which after a time was conducted under the style of Black & Company, and so continued until 1900, when the First National Bank was organized and acquired the old private

bank by purchase. This financial institution was of the greatest importance to Dallas City, which up to that time was deficient in its banking interests. In 1901, largely through the efforts of Dr. Black, the Dallas Printing Company was organized and thus was added another factor in the development and industrial activity of the city.

On the 15th of April, 1883, Dr. Black was married to Miss Elizabeth Rebhon, who was born in Germany, July 22, 1864, a daughter of George and Margaret (Motschmann) Rebhon, who were also natives of Germany, the father born March 30, 1833, and the mother August 2, 1827. Mr. Rebhon was a miller and cabinet-maker by trade and died in the year 1864. His wife afterward came to Hancock county, Illinois, having in the meantime married George Weber, of Dallas, Illinois. They settled on a farm in this county and Mr. Weber died February 23, 1883. His widow is still living and makes her home with Mrs. Black. Mr. Weber was a democrat in his political views although not an office seeker. He held membership in and served as one of the elders of the Lutheran church, and his remains were interred in Meyers cemetery. Mrs. Weber is also a member of the Lutheran church. By her first marriage she had two children, one son dying in infancy, the other being Mrs. Black.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Black there were born three sons. Henry F., born in Dallas City, September 14, 1887, is now a student in Kemper Military College, at Boonville, Missouri. George F., born February 23, 1889, is attending the same

college. Arthur H., born March 26, 1891, is likewise a student in that institution. The two elder sons will graduate in 1906 and the youngest son is in the freshman year.

While Dr. Black controlled important business enterprises he yet found time to devote to the public welfare and was a strong and stalwart friend of the cause of education. He was one of a few men to whose force and enterprise is due the erection of the splendid school building, in which all citizens of Dallas City take just pride. He co-operated in many progressive movements that have resulted beneficially to this city and county and his efforts could always be counted upon to support every measure which had for its object the public good. He belonged to Dallas City lodge, No. 2, to Alamo commandery, Knight Templar, of Illinois, and to Modern Woodmen camp, No. 1496, at Dallas. He contributed generously to the support of churches, especially to the Congregational church, of which his wife and all of their sons are now members. In December, 1905, he contracted pneumonia and sank rapidly in spite of all that the best medical skill could do. He passed away Tuesday evening, December 19, 1905, and the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. B. King, who also performed the sad task of conducting the funeral service of Anna Celia Shipman, a niece of Dr. Black, who passed away on the same day as her uncle, their remains being interred in Dallas cemetery. The death of Dr. Black came as an irreparable loss in his home and was most deeply felt in business and social circles not only in Dallas

City but throughout the entire surrounding country. He was very widely known and was uniformly regarded as a man of unfaltering integrity and of genuine personal worth. As a student he was quick to perceive and understand and he was endowed with a fund of common-sense and practical ideas that brought him success in all that he undertook. He was kindly in manner, charitable in disposition, generous in impulse and perhaps no man in the county was more frequently consulted by others concerning important business transactions, for those who knew him reposed in him the utmost confidence and knew that he would advise with the same fidelity that he would have conducted his own private business affairs. He did much to promote the general welfare and his interest in his fellowmen was deep and sincere. "Of the countless gifts which God bestows upon man the rarest and divinest is the one that takes supreme interest in human welfare." He was an earnest, honest and incorruptible man with a frank, genial manner, which won and retained friendship and in consequence his death was sincerely mourned by a large number of appreciative friends and acquaintances with whom his long public service and business career had placed upon terms of intimacy. He deserves most honorable mention at the hands of his fellowmen, for his life record shows the value and sure rewards of character, and he was regarded as one of Hancock county's most worthy citizens. Mrs. Black makes her home in Dallas City. Her father owned a great deal of property here, including the store known as

Finch's store, and in 1892 she remodeled and occupied it. This is now one of the most attractive and pleasant modern homes in the city situated on Front avenue and Oak street. Mrs. Black takes a most active and helpful interest in church work and she retains her interest in the lumber business, which is now being conducted by Mr. Loomis, and she also owns the lots that are now occupied by the lumberyard. She has three tenant houses and half of the property called the Enterprise and she is also a large stockholder in the First National Bank. In manner while rather reserved she is also most kindly and pleasant and is greatly beloved and admired by all for her good deeds.

NOTE—On December 17, 1905, a disastrous fire at Dallas destroyed the bank building. A new Milwaukee pressed brick, three-story building has been erected, and the bank will occupy the whole of the first floor.

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#### CHARLES M. MCCOLLOM.

Charles M. McCollom, a carpenter of Carthage, residing at No. 201 Main street, is a son of Henry B. and Nancy (Davidson) McCollom, and was born in Hancock county, in 1851. His parents, however, were natives of Cumberland county, Kentucky, born February 10, 1813, and November 9, 1810, respectively. The father was a farmer by occupation and in the year 1844 arrived in Illinois, while in 1850 he came to Han-

cock county. He engaged in farming in Bear Creek township until 1865, when he removed to western Iowa, where he engaged to a greater or less extent in farming, his death occurring, however, in Mount Pleasant, Henry county, in 1875. His wife had passed away April 14, 1864, in Illinois, and was buried in this state, while the father's grave was made in Mount Pleasant. He was a republican in his political views, and a Cumberland Presbyterian in his religious faith. In the family were eleven children, of whom four are now living. Mary J. is the widow of John Phelps, and resides in Taylor county, Iowa. Wilbern Porter, who was a member of the Seventh Kansas Cavalry and served throughout the greater part of the Civil war, is now living in Adams county, Washington. Charles is the third surviving member. Irvin Sylvester resides in Gorin, Missouri.

Charles M. McCollom was educated in the common schools of Hancock county, Illinois, and of Adams county, Iowa, and remained upon his father's farm until twenty years of age, after which he was employed by the month by various farmers for some time. He began farming on his own account on a tract of land in Sonora township, Hancock county, where he remained for nineteen years, and in 1895 he removed to Carthage where he has since resided, having in the previous year built his present pretty home at No. 201 Main street. He has here engaged in contracting and building and has erected many of the substantial structures of the city, including the fine residence of Joseph Dorsey and a tenant

house for him, the residence of Mrs. Atwood on Main street, Edward Booth, two houses for James Corbin, one for Harry Corbin and various other fine structures of the city. He has met with good success since becoming identified with building operations in Carthaage and a liberal patronage has been accorded him. He has thus prospered in his undertakings and in addition to his home property he owns eighty acres of good farm land in Prairie township, while his shop is situated on the same lot as his residence.

On the 14th of December, 1874, Mr. McCollom was married to Miss Lucy M. Thornber, who was born in this county and is a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Ellison) Thornber, who were natives of England, and came to Illinois in 1842, the father following the occupation of farming here. Both he and his wife are now deceased. Mrs. McCollom died December 16, 1888, and her remains were interred in Sonora township. By her marriage she had become the mother of four children: Charles H., who married Alice Snitz and lives in Scotland county, Missouri, has two children, Yolande and Patrice. James P. of Sonora township, married Augusta Beger, and has one child, Noretta Margaret. Carrie M., a graduate of the high school and of Carthage college, is now a teacher in the public schools of the county seat. David F. is still a student in school. On the 27th of May, 1891, Mr. McCollom was married to Miss Jennie Baird, who was born in Warsaw, this county, in February, 1866, and is a daughter of Robert and Margaret A. (Brook) Baird, both of whom were natives of Maryland, the

father born in 1819, and the mother in 1825. He was a carpenter by trade and on leaving the south came to Hancock county, in 1853, after which he worked at his trade in Warsaw until he retired from active business life. His wife died in 1905 but he is still living at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. A staunch advocate of the cause of temperance he votes with the Prohibition party and he holds membership in the Methodist church, to which his wife also belonged, both being very active in church work, Mr. Baird having held a number of offices therein. In his family were eleven children, all of whom are yet living: Henry, who resides near Warsaw; David O., of Gilman City, Missouri; Mary E., a competent nurse who makes her home in Warsaw although her duties largely call her to Carthage; Charles E., living in Gilman City, Missouri; Margaret A., who was a successful teacher in various places for many years but is now at home with her aged father; Robert J., who is engaged in the insurance business in Des Moines, Iowa; Phoebe E., the wife of Charles Curry, of Atlanta, Georgia; Richard, of Pasadena, California; Mrs. Jennie McCollom; Frank, a grocer of Des Moines, Iowa; and Ella H., who is a stenographer in Des Moines.

The second marriage of Mr. McCollom has been blessed with three children, all born in Hancock county: Florence I., who was born in 1892 and is attending school in Carthage; Winifred, who was born in 1893 and is also in school; and Aldo Baird, who was born in 1901.

Mr. McCollom is a strong and earnest advocate of temperance principles and



votes with the Prohibition party. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge, and both he and his wife are devoted members of the Methodist church, in which he is serving as a trustee. He has never received any assistance in his business career but has had to work for all that he has possessed and enjoyed and in his business life has been found a thoroughly reliable, competent and honest workman and as a contractor has secured a good patronage which is indicative of the trust reposed in him by his fellow townsmen.

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#### JOSEPH D. RITER.

Joseph D. Riter is a resident of Pontoosuc township, living upon a farm, although he has practically retired from business cares. He has had a somewhat eventful life and his broad travels and varied experiences enrich his conversation and make him an entertaining companion. Born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 18th of April, 1830, he is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Beidler) Riter, both natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania, the father born July 26, 1801, and the mother January 15, 1795. It was in the last of April, 1846, that they became residents of Nauvoo, Illinois, where they resided until 1855, when they removed to the prairie, and Mr. Riter engaged in farming in Appanoose township up to the time of his retirement from active business cares. He died November 23, 1884, having long survived his wife,

who passed away February 15, 1868. Both were laid to rest in Nauvoo cemetery. Of their family of five children only two are living, the younger brother being William W. Riter, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

In the schools of his native state Joseph D. Riter acquired his education and remained with his parents until seventeen or eighteen years of age. He came with them to Hancock county in 1846, and in 1848 went to the northern part of Wisconsin, spending three and a half years in connection with the lumber business in that part of the country. In 1851 he went to California, and in 1853 made a trip to Australia, returning the following year by way of the Society Islands, remaining there one summer. He then again made his way to California, remaining in San Francisco until 1858, when he went to the Frazer river in British Columbia. In 1859 he was in Portland, Oregon, where he purchased cattle, which he drove to the Frazer river. In the fall of the same year, however, he returned to Illinois and has since made his home in Pontoosuc township, Hancock county. A detailed account of his travels would make interesting reading. He was on the Pacific coast during the early days of mining excitement and is familiar with the history of that period because of the experiences which he himself met in the middle of the century.

On the 1st of May, 1861, Mr. Riter was married to Miss Edith Davis, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 8, 1832, a daughter of Isaac and Edith (Richards) Davis, both of whom were natives of West Virginia. The fa-

ther was born February 10, 1783, and the mother on March 16, 1794, and both have now passed away. Mr. Davis first went to Ohio from West Virginia and in that state his ten children were born. Later he removed to Iowa, where he located in 1840, there devoting his time and energies to farming for a considerable period. He died in the eastern part of Nebraska in 1847, after a residence there of about a year, and his wife passed away in the western part of Iowa in 1872. Of their ten children only two are living, the elder being Eli Davis, who resides in Yuba City, California. Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis were members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and were most worthy people, their lives being in harmony with the teachings of the sect whose followers are justly celebrated for their kindness, gentleness and uprightness.

Following his marriage Mr. Riter purchased a small farm in Appanoose township, where he resided for about a year, and in 1862 he purchased sixty-one acres on the northwest quarter of section 31, Pontoosuc township. Subsequently he bought sixty acres on the southwest quarter of the same section, and afterward he bought his brother's interest in the old home place, securing one hundred and six acres on section 36, Appanoose township. He also invested in eighty-three acres in Sonora township and his holdings are therefore very extensive. In 1902 he built a comfortable residence upon his farm and he has a large barn one hundred and thirty-two feet long, together with other good and substantial outbuildings furnishing ample shelter for grain, stock and farm machinery. He has

carried on the tilling of the soil and also raised high grades of stock, but in 1892 he practically retired from farm life and now rents his land. In politics he is rather independent, although he usually gives his support to the Prohibition party.

Mr. and Mrs. Riter have had no children of their own, but reared Sadie Smith, who is now the wife of Christopher Sanders, and lives in Kansas. She has nine children. Receiving very little assistance in the way of an inheritance Mr. Riter has gained his property through his own well directed labors and unremitting efforts. He is now very comfortably situated in life and has by reason of the competence that he has acquired the opportunity to indulge his love of travel. He has frequently gone to California, making two trips by way of the isthmus, and his extensive journeyings have made him a man of broad general culture and wide experience. Since his retirement from active business cares he and his wife have traveled quite extensively, visiting many points of interest in this country.

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#### THOMAS G. FRENCH.

Thomas G. French, a general farmer and stock-raiser living on the southeast quarter of section 1, Wythe township, has always resided in the middle west, his birth having occurred in Orange county, Indiana, May 13, 1839. He is a son of Samuel and Julia (Daugherty) French, natives of Barron county, Kentucky, who

removed to Indiana about 1830 when Indians still lived in that locality, the region being a pioneer district in which the work of civilization had scarcely begun. Samuel French secured timber land from the government, and in the midst of the forest undertook the task of hewing out a farm. There he resided until his death, which occurred in 1842, and his wife passed away on the old homestead in 1854.

Thomas G. French, of a family of nine children, five sons and four daughters, was but three years of age at the time of his father's demise and was left an orphan when a youth of fifteen. He went to Knox county, Illinois, with his brother, John C., and after living there for five years, started out in life on his own account, working by the month as a farm hand in Mercer county. His education was acquired in the common schools of Knox and Mercer counties, and after spending some time in the employ of others at farm labor began farming on his own account and had followed that pursuit for two years, when, in response to the country's call for aid he enlisted in defense of the Union, on the 13th of August, 1862, as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland under General Rosecrans, and made a forced march from Louisville, Kentucky, to Gallatin, Tennessee, during which time Mr. French became ill with the measles and was confined in the hospital until January 17, 1863, when he was honorably discharged at Gallatin on account of disability.

He at once returned to his old home in Mercer county and the following spring began farming on rented land, where he resided until 1865. He then removed to Warren county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming for two years, after which he returned to Knox county, where he purchased a forty-acre farm. There he engaged in the tilling of the soil for two years, and on the expiration of that period he sold the property but bought eighty acres adjoining. There he followed farming until 1875, when he went to Taylor county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of farm land, which he cultivated for six years. He then traded that property for a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, one-half in Wythe township, Hancock county, and the remainder in Bear Creek township. He also bought eighty acres more in Wythe township, adjoining his place on the south. The farm was then well improved and in good shape and he has since kept everything up to a high standard of agricultural development. He lives on the southeast quarter of section 1, Wythe township, and here he carries on general farming and his fields produce rich crops, while in the pastures are seen good grades of cattle, horses and hogs.

On September 15, 1862, while in camp at Knoxville, Illinois, Mr. French was united in marriage to Miss Jane Brown, of Mercer county, Illinois. She was born in that county, July 8, 1846, and attended school there while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, Benjamin and Louvisa (McMurry) Brown, natives of Indiana and Ken-

tucky, respectively. For a number of years Mrs. French was troubled with cancer and went to various places for medical treatment and for the benefit of her health. At length she received X-ray treatment in Chicago and afterward in Quincy, but everything was unavailing to check the ravages of the disease and she died January 23, 1906, her remains being interred at Rio, Knox county, Illinois. Unto Mr. and Mrs. French were born four children: Helen Matilda, who died when only a month old; Otis A., who was born in March, 1865, and is a business man of Quincy, Illinois; Orvil B., who was born in Knox county, July 4, 1872, and is now in Quincy; and Capeles C., who was born January 30, 1884, and is conducting the home farm. Mr. French is thus relieved of much of the arduous labor connected with farm work, although he still gives his personal supervision to the management of his property, while he has never sought or desired public office he is a stalwart champion of democratic principles and fraternally he is connected with the blue lodge and the Eastern Star chapter of Masonry in Elvaston, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church there,—associations which indicate much of the character of the man and the principles which guide his conduct.

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#### ROBERT D. MATTHEWS.

Robert D. Matthews, who has spent the greater part of his life in Hancock coun-

ty, and who in his business career has worked his way steadily upward to a position of affluence, now owning altogether two hundred and ten acres of rich land, was born in Indiana, in December, 1845. His paternal grandfather, William Matthews, was a Welshman, while his wife was of German birth. Both lived to an advanced age and were hale and hearty old people, the wife passing away at the advanced age of ninety years. He was a republican in politics and a most highly respected man. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and our subject can well remember of his relating incidents of the time when he was stationed at Chicago which then contained only a few log cabins at Fort Dearborn. His son, William Jackson Matthews, was a captain in the Civil war and also served as a member of the legislature in Oregon.

Alfred B. Matthews, father of our subject, was born in Ohio in 1817, and became a farmer of Indiana. He married Miss Diana V. Kalley, who was born in Parke county, Indiana, in 1827, and on leaving the Hoosier state they removed to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1851, settling in the vicinity of Warsaw. Afterward they took up their abode in Augusta township, where Alfred B. Matthews spent his remaining days. In his early life his political allegiance was given to the democracy, but when the slavery question became a paramount issue before the people and the Republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery he joined its ranks and continued one of its stalwart advocates. He was twice married, his first union being with Emily Davis, by whom he had one

daughter, Mandane, now the wife of John T. Jones, of Oregon. Her mother having passed away Mr. Matthews wedded Diana V. Kalley, and they became the parents of nine children: Robert D.; Miles Irby, now living in Oklahoma; Fernando Cortez, deceased; Susan Catherine, the wife of John A. Campbell, a resident farmer of Augusta township, mentioned elsewhere in this work; William Jackson, of Iowa; Harvey Allen, of Chili township; Edna Emeline, the wife of Lincoln S. Smith, now living in Chili township; Daniel M., of Augusta township; and Cassius, deceased. The father passed away in 1891 and the mother in April, 1892, and their graves were made in Irwin cemetery. He lived and died in a log house and there he began life on his own account with very small means but at the time of his death he owned one hundred and ninety acres of very rich and productive land.

Robert D. Matthews was educated in the district schools of Augusta township and displayed special aptitude in mastering his studies. He had opportunities when he might have taught, but he did not like teaching and so always declined. He lived with his parents until he attained his majority, when he began work as a farm hand for a neighbor, being thus employed for a year. On the expiration of that period he commenced farming on his own account and rented land until twenty-five years of age or until his labor had brought him sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a farm. He won, as a companion and helpmate for life's journey, Miss Lucinda Catherine Sparks, to whom he was married Janu-

ary 5, 1871. She was born in Tennessee in 1850, a daughter of William Leander and Elizabeth (Shook) Sparks, both of whom were natives of Tennessee, while the latter was of German lineage. Her father was a man of real genius. It was said that he could "do anything from being an expert detective to running a blacksmith shop, trying a case at law or successfully conducting a store." He came to Illinois in 1853 and settled in Adams county. At Quincy after the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted for service and was for three years a member of the Union army. He then returned to his home and remained in Adams county until his death in 1898. His wife had died when their daughter, Mrs. Matthews, was only two years of age and was buried in Tennessee. They had two children, of whom one died in childhood. After losing his first wife, Mr. Sparks wedded Miss Elizabeth Ellwood in 1855, and they had nine children, of whom five are living: William, a resident of Liberty, Illinois; Annie, the wife of George Griffiths, of Augusta; John, of Hannibal, Missouri; Belle, the wife of Preston Gollifer, of Adams county; and Frank, who is living with his mother in Adams county. Mrs. Matthews losing her mother when very young, was reared by her paternal grandparents, who brought her to Illinois from Tennessee in an old wagon borne by ox teams and she carried a pet chicken with her all the way. Mrs. Sparks was quite an expert in weaving and spinning and Mrs. Matthews now has cards which she used. She also taught her granddaughter to weave and spin and trained her in the duties of the household.

The grandfather, Mr. Sparks, although a Southern man, was also a strong republican. In the early "muster days" in Tennessee he was a drummer, while his wife acted as a fifer in the Tennessee martial band.

Following his marriage Mr. Matthews rented a tract of land on section 6, Augusta township, and before the year of lease had expired he purchased it, becoming owner of forty acres, upon which he lived until 1874. He then bought eighty acres on section 5 of the same township and on that place erected his home, together with three barns and other improvements. He likewise has eighty acres on section 8 and ten acres on section 6, his landed possessions aggregating two hundred and ten acres. He follows both farming and stock-raising, selling to the home market, and is a wide-awake, energetic business man who placed his dependence solely on his own efforts and has looked for no outside aid or influence to assist him in his business affairs.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews has been blessed with four children, all born in Augusta township: Robert Elmer, born in October, 1871, and still at home; Alfred Leander, who was born in 1873, and died in 1875; Tina Roberta, who was born September 28, 18—, and died November 17, 1902; and Troy Marion, born in February, 1891. The parents are members of the Christian church at Bowen and their deceased daughter was also a member of that church, and was laid to rest by her sisters in that organization. Mr. Matthews is a stalwart republican but an active business career has left him little time to seek office even

had he so desired. He and his wife have thoroughly realized the deprivations and hardships incident to the development of a home on the frontier and since their marriage they have by their joint energy, economy and upright living come into possession of a good farm as the reward of their labor.

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#### GEORGE WASHINGTON WEBB.

George Washington Webb was born on section 34, Appanoose township, July 4, 1850, and it is in the same township that he now follows the occupation of farming, being accorded a place among the representative agriculturists of the community. He is of English lineage, a grandson of Giles Webb, a native of England. His father, William Webb, was also born in that country, and was married there to Harriet Baldwin, a daughter of James Baldwin. In 1841 William Webb became a resident of Hancock county, settling in La Harpe, and he afterward opened the first coal mine in McDonough county, at Colchester. His time was largely devoted to well digging in earlier years and eventually he took up his abode in Appanoose township, where he purchased forty acres of land on section 34, and forty acres on section 33. He built a log house on the latter section, where a portion of his land was covered with timber. As the years passed he added to his property until he secured about two hundred and eighty acres lying

in one body, a tract of forty acres, and another of eighty acres. His time and energies were given to the cultivation of the cereals best adapted to the soil and he likewise raised stock. Later he added dairying to his work and sold his butter in Keokuk. Thus he lived a life of industry and perseverance and his prosperity was attributable entirely to his own well directed labor. He died October 2, 1882, while his wife passed away April 16, 1884. In their family were three sons and a daughter: James, William and George, all residents of Appanoose township; and Sarah, the wife of Emmet Horton, of Red Willow county, Nebraska.

George W. Webb spent his boyhood days on the old home place where he continued to live until six years after his marriage. It was on the 12th of January, 1875, that he wedded Ella E. Lewis, who was born in Lynnville, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and who was educated in this state. Her natal day was April 11, 1853, and her parents were Morgan R. and Mary Ann (Downing) Lewis, natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania. Her father was a son of Henry and Eleonore (Evans) Lewis, while her mother was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Beidler) Downing, natives of Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter of Thomas Lewis and Sarah (Smith) Downing, who were natives of England and were Quakers, or Friends, in religious faith. In October, 1853, Morgan R. Lewis removed with his family to Nauvoo, and purchased a farm on section 11, Sonora township, where he engaged in the tilling of the soil and in raising stock. He also con-

ducted a dairy business, selling butter in Keokuk. He owned eighty acres of prairie land in Sonora township, and sixteen acres of land in Appanoose township. He died February 8, 1894, while his wife passed away February 5, 1875.

After residing with his parents six years subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Webb purchased eighty acres of land, constituting the south half of the northeast quarter of section 34, Appanoose township. There were no trees or buildings upon the place at that time and he soon erected a residence and has since built two barns, one in 1893 forty-eight by fifty feet and the other in 1900, forty-four by forty-four feet. He has other buildings upon his place for the shelter of farm machinery and stock and altogether has a model property. Many shade, ornamental and fruit trees have been planted by him and he now has much fruit upon his place, deriving a considerable income from its sale as well as from the other departments of his farm labor.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Webb have been born four sons and a daughter. Morgan Lewis, born December 15, 1876, is pastor of the English Lutheran church, now located at Murphysboro, Illinois; Blanche Edith, born December 18, 1880, is the wife of Frederick Earl Schofield, the physical director in the Young Men's Christian Association, of Burlington, Iowa. William, born November 24, 1885, is at home. Frank, born November 12, 1888, died August 11, 1889. Jasper Kent, born December 25, 1893, completes the family.

Politically a democrat, Mr. Webb has always refused to accept public office save

that of school trustee and director. He has lived continuously in the county from his infancy to the present time and great changes have occurred during this period of more than a half century. At the same time he has carefully conducted business interests that have resulted in bringing him a substantial competence.

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### JOHN HENRY BUCKERT.

John Henry Buckert, deceased, was born in Firstenberg, Waltbeck, Germany, in the year 1831 and acquired his education in the public schools of his native country. He was employed in a hotel in Germany until twenty-five years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to America and took up his abode in Warsaw, Illinois. He was then employed on river boats and was also in the service of a grain commission company, utilizing every opportunity for advancement and to gain a start in the new world.

On the 16th of October, 1865, Mr. Buckert was married to Miss Annie Catharina Spitzza, who was born in Ada, Brinkhausen, Hesse, Germany, December 16, 1839, and with her parents came to the United States in 1847, the family home being established in Warsaw, where Mrs. Buckert attended the public schools. She is a daughter of John Henry and Dora Dell (Walker) Spitzza. Her father was a mason contractor and did much business in the line of building in Warsaw and vicinity. He had learned his

trade in Germany and after coming to the new world he built the old distilleries near Warsaw. In fact he erected nearly all of the principal buildings of his locality at an early day. His death occurred in Warsaw, June 19, 1856, while his wife passed away about two years later. She was the mother of fourteen children, two of whom were born of her first marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Buckert began their domestic life in Warsaw, where he was employed in connection with the grain trade. He continued to reside there until his death, which occurred on the 30th of May, 1875. Mrs. Buckert lived with her family in Warsaw for a year thereafter and then rented a farm near the town for three years, after which she removed to a place south of Warsaw, where she also lived for three years. She next bought ninety-three acres in Wythe township, where five years later she sold out and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Montebello township. There she lived for five years, when she again disposed of her farm and invested in eighty acres of land, formerly the property of Dr. Spence, of Liberty, Adams county, of which forty acres lay on section 33 and forty acres on section 34, Montebello township. Here she has resided continuously since 1900 and the farm is operated by her youngest son, Daniel. Mrs. Buckert is a lady of excellent business ability and executive force and her capable management of her business interests has brought her a good return. At the same time she has carefully reared her family. Eight children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Buckert: John F., who is now living in Nauvoo, Illinois; Adam,



who resides in Trenton, Missouri; George and Gustav, who are also residents of Nauvoo; Christian, who is employed by the Moline Plow Company at Rock Island, Illinois; Henry, of Hamilton; Annie, the wife of George Montgomery, also of Hamilton, Illinois; and Daniel, at home, now superintending the farm.

Mr. Buckert was a member of the Lutheran church of Warsaw and he gave his political support to the democracy, but never sought or desired office. He was a man of genuine personal worth and gained the respect of those who knew him and the family have many warm friends in this part of the county.

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#### J. HARVEY NORRIS.

J. Harvey Norris, who owns and operates a well kept farm in Chili township, was born upon this place June 27, 1877, and is a son of James W. and Elizabeth (Sterrett) Norris. His father's birth occurred in Baltimore county, Maryland, February 17, 1840. He became a farmer by occupation and was a resident of Adams county, Illinois, from 1850 until June, 1876, when he removed to Hancock county. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Sterrett, whose birth occurred in Hartford county, Maryland, February 19, 1856, and they had three children but J. Harvey Norris is the only one now living. The father died February 10, 1906, and the mother passed away September 5, 1884. Both were faithful members of

the Methodist church. Mr. Norris was a man who possessed in marked degree the trust and good will of his fellowmen. He is said never to have had an enemy. He was always kind and sympathetic and he knew no distress within his reach that he did not try to relieve. He was a friend to all the churches and was a believer in the Christian religion. In his family he was a devoted husband and father and among his neighbors was known as a loyal friend. His good qualities were many and have made his name an honored one.

In the city schools of Bowen J. Harvey Norris acquired his education and under the parental roof spent the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In 1902 his marriage to Miss Nellie Manlove was consummated, and he started out in life on his own account. She was born in this county July 31, 1881, a daughter of Wilfred and Sarah (Waggoner) Manlove, the former born in Knox county, Illinois, in 1841, and the latter in Hancock county in 1849. The Manloves were of French and Welsh extraction. William Manlove, an uncle of Mrs. Norris, was killed at Missionary Ridge in the Civil war while defending the Union cause. She also had a great-uncle, Henry Cecil, who was a soldier of the Civil war and her maternal uncles, Ephraim and Cyrus Waggoner, were also numbered among the boys in blue. In the year 1867 Wilfred Manlove, father of Mrs. Norris, arrived in Hancock county, settling on section 29, Chili township. He, too, was a veteran of the war, having enlisted as a member of Company D, Seventy-seventh

Illinois Regiment under Captain Black. His life was exemplary in many respects, for he was ever faithful and honorable in all his relations with his fellowmen, was honest, active and industrious in business and lived an upright life. He possessed the confidence of his fellow citizens to an unusual degree. He passed away July 8, 1905, and was laid to rest in Bowen cemetery. In the family were four children: Linn, now living in Chili township; George, of Bowen; Mrs. Norris; and Ada, the wife of Curtis Powell, of Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris make their home on section 29, Chili township. The residence here was erected by his father in 1897. The place comprises two hundred and eighty acres of arable land, and thirty acres of timber, and will come into possession of Mr. Norris, as he is his mother's only heir. He now gives his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, making a specialty of the breeding and raising of thoroughbred Duroc hogs. As a business man he is reliable and enterprising and has already made a creditable place in agricultural circles, although he is numbered among the younger farmers of the township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Norris has been born one son, Gerald William, whose birth occurred May 1, 1903, on the same farm on which his father's birth occurred. This is also the place on which the parents of Mr. Norris and also the parents of Mrs. Norris began housekeeping. In his political views Mr. Norris is a stalwart republican but without aspiration for office. Socially he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

### JOHN PARKER EWING.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose, and it was with the feeling of universal regret that the news of the demise of John P. Ewing was received in Hancock county. He had lived and labored here for many years and was one of the worthy pioneer settlers, who as time passed, stood for progress and improvement in all lines relating to the county's welfare and up-building. At the same time he displayed in his business career those commendable traits which lead to success and he became one of the extensive landowners of the county, while his life work proved that prosperity and an honorable name may be won simultaneously. A native of Brown county, Ohio, he was born on the 8th of March, 1824, being one of the seven children of Jackson and Catherine (Turner) Ewing. The family is of Irish lineage, the grandfather having been born on the Emerald Isle, whence he came to America, founding the family in new world. His son, Jackson Ewing, was born in Prussia and was a farmer by occupation. He removed to Hancock county in 1846 and his home was one of the pioneer log cabins of Walker township. He also spent some time in Schuyler county, Illinois, but died in this county in 1876. His widow, surviving him for several years, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Gillham, in Walker township in 1883. In his political views Mr. Ewing was a democrat. In the family were seven children: Margaret Ann, who is the wife of Charles Laughlin and lives in Walker township; Sarah Newton,

the wife of Samuel Guyman, of Missouri; Mary Jane, the wife of Henry Gillham, of Walker township; and four who have passed away. The parents were both members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they took an active and helpful interest, Mr. Ewing serving for some time as classleader.

John Parker Ewing, educated in the public schools of New York, was reared to farm life and having removed to the west engaged in general agricultural pursuits in Walker township. He was familiar with all of the experiences of pioneer life, with its hardships and its privations, its pleasures and its opportunities. In his business he prospered as the years went by, and by his energy and economy he was enabled to add to his possessions from time to time, and, making judicious investments in real-estate eventually became the owner of fifteen hundred acres of rich farm land that has made Illinois one of the greatest agricultural states of the union. He also gave to each of his children a good farm, and in addition left a goodly sum of money to the family. He was known as one of the wealthy men of the county but moreover, he was known, too, as one of its most honorable men, being ever straightforward and reliable in his business transactions.

Mr. Ewing was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fuller, and they became the parents of five children: John, now living near Basco, Illinois; William, whose home is near Sutter, Hancock county, Illinois; Sarah E., the wife of John Wallace, living near Bowen, Illinois; Margaret Ella, the wife of John Battles; and Perry, deceased. The wife

and mother passed away in September, 1865, and Mr. Ewing was again married, his second union being with Margaret Jane Stucker, who was born near Carthage, March 5, 1858, a daughter of David and Nancy (Ewing) Stucker. By the death of her parents she was left an orphan when only nine years of age. Her father was a farmer by occupation and lived at different times in Iowa, in Kansas, and in Schuyler county, Illinois, while eventually he removed to Hancock county. Politically he was a stalwart republican, and both he and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist church, living lives in harmony with their professions and doing many good deeds which endeared them to all who knew them. When called to their final rest their remains were interred near Keokuk in Lee county, Iowa. In their family were five children: John W., who is living in Warsaw; Samuel S., who resides in Higgins, Texas; Sarah A., the wife of Thomas McLain, of Exira, Iowa; Lydia A., the deceased wife of Abraham Wells, who lives in Miami county, Kansas; and Mrs. Ewing.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ewing were born eight children: Rosetta, the wife of John Kiser, of Warsaw, Illinois, by whom she has four children, Ethel, Irma, Anna L. and Claude; Robert S., who married Rhoda Whittaker, a resident of Hamilton, Illinois; Charles W., living in Sutter; who married Fannie McCracken, and has two sons, Lorren and Carroll; Viola A., the wife of Charles Rampley, of Warsaw; Lemuel M., who lives in Warsaw and married Anna Schlenk, by whom he has one son, Cecil; Maude Belle,

who died at the age of four years and was laid to rest in the cemetery by her father's side; Grover C., who lives in Sutter and married Lydia Hinerhoff, by whom he has one son, Marvin; and Victoria, who is at home with her mother. It was on the 1st of July, 1903, that Mr. Ewing was called from this life, passing away on the home farm near Sutter, his remains being interred in Walker cemetery. Mrs. Ewing's youngest daughter still owns a part of the home place, and one son the other part. Her husband built the residence thereon and made all of the improvements. In April, 1904, Mrs. Ewing purchased a pretty residence on Eighth and Webster streets in Warsaw, where she is now comfortably situated and she has many friends in the community—friends who know her as a most kind-hearted woman and a good neighbor. Mr. Ewing lived to attain the age of seventy-nine years and his was a useful, active and upright life, standing in exemplification of what may be accomplished by unfaltering industry and unremitting diligence. His wealth was worthily won so that the most envious could not grudge him his success and his record is one which reflects credit upon the county in which he so long made his home.

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#### JUDGE GEORGE W. JONES.

Judge George W. Jones represents one of the old and prominent pioneer families of Hancock county, his parents being

Emmanuel and Mary Ann (Rees) Jones, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work and in connection with their life history is given an account of the ancestral history of the family. He left Ohio in 1856 with his father's family and proceeded by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, the family remaining for three weeks at Canton. There were about eighty families aboard the steamboat, named "Ben Bolt." Emmanuel Jones left his wife and children with his brother-in-law, Lloyd Rees, while he came to Carthage and investigated the land, which he had previously purchased. He then in company with his son, George W., and an uncle of the latter made a trip with a yoke of oxen and a mule to Alexandria, crossing to Warsaw on the ferry boat. There they waited for the family, who came up on the packet, and at the same time they accidentally came across a cousin of Mr. Jones' mother, who lived about twelve miles from that place. The family traveled across the prairie with ox teams to Carthage and on the entire trip did not pass a single home until they came to the old Comer place, which is still standing. They remained all night at the Wells tavern, which was torn down about two years ago. The first house they came to in Carthage stood where the James Black residence is now seen and was a little one-story structure weatherboarded with clapboards. Going from Carthage to the tract they did not pass another house for two miles, when they saw a little log cabin. About two miles northeast of this stood the little house of Ned Russell and these were the only houses between Carthage and the

old homestead farm, upon which the Jones family located. Emmanuel Jones built his house, requiring about four months to complete the work. The tract was wild and unimproved. Wild turkeys and geese could be had in abundance and deer were also plentiful. Judge Jones of this review has a very retentive memory and relates in most interesting style events of pioneer times and the way in which they lived. He well remembers the conversation that occurred on that overland trip fifty years ago. Soon after reaching their new home five out of the family of six were ill with malaria and it was almost impossible to get any one to wait on them. An old neighbor woman came to them to render assistance. She lived four miles away and she said she would undertake their care if they would turn off their physician and get hers. Mr. Jones did this and the new physician, Dr. Booz, greatly assisted them and remained the family physician until his death. Judge Jones has in his possession a medal which he picked up in the dust when a barefoot boy. It represents the campaign when William H. Harrison was presidential nominee. He also has many coins over seventy-five years old and other interesting curios. His education was largely acquired in the district schools, such as were common at an early day in Illinois. He learned his lessons while seated on a sycamore slab, the seat being formed by placing such a slab upon wooden pins which were inserted into the slab. The writing desk was formed much after the same manner, a long board being hung upon hinges fastened to the window sills, and when writ-

ing was to be done they just raised one side of the board and through an auger hole they placed a stick to hold it up. In the summer months he worked in the fields, taking his place behind the plow as soon as his age and strength permitted. Later he carried on farming on his own account through the summer months and in the winter seasons for five years engaged in teaching.

On the 25th of September, 1864, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Emeline Dale, who was born on section 30, Hancock township, March 4, 1846, her parents being George W. and Martha (Booz) Dale, who were natives of Kentucky, in which state Mr. Dale carried on farming. They came to Illinois at an early day and Mr. Dale died in 1862 from the effects of injuries received in a runaway. He was an industrious, enterprising man, kindly and considerate of others. His wife, who made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Jones for seven years, passed away February 12, 1881, at the age of seventy-five years. She was a member of the Christian church and was a most estimable lady. Mr. Dale filled several township offices. In their family were seven children, four of whom are now living, namely: James, who resides in Carthage; Margaret, the wife of Phil D. Williams, of La Harpe, Illinois; Emeline, now Mrs. Jones; and John, who is living on section 31, Hancock township.

Five years after his marriage Judge Jones of this review abandoned farming and devoted five years thereafter to teaching, with the exception of one winter, that of 1868-69, which he spent as a student in Abingdon College. In the sum-

mer of 1869 and the winter of 1870 he taught at Oak Grove and through the following summer and winter was a teacher in the Independence school. In 1871 he purchased a lot in Carthage on Main street and built his home, which he has since rebuilt and greatly enlarged. He then returned to Middle creek, where he taught through the winter of 1871-72, which ended his career as an educator. He had, however, proved a very capable instructor and the schools of which he had charge made substantial progress under his direction but his ambitions lay in other directions. While teaching he had served for two terms as town clerk in Hancock township, in 1855 and 1856. In his political views he is a democrat and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of the party in his county. On the 31st of March, 1874, he became deputy sheriff and served to the end of the term under John D. Stevens and also was deputy sheriff for two terms, or four years, under C. T. Cannon, filling the position until December, 1882. In the meantime he was also constable of Carthage township for eight years, acting in that capacity until 1883, when he was elected magistrate of the city and resigned the former position. He acted as magistrate for four terms, or sixteen years, being chosen to the office on the anti-license ticket, and it was this position which won him the title by which he is uniformly known—Judge Jones. While acting as police magistrate he married one hundred and sixty-six couples and since taking the office of justice of the peace in April, 1905, he has performed sixteen marriage ceremonies. He has also served

as a member of the city school board and the cause of education has found in him a warm and stalwart friend. He maintains his justice court on Main street and in addition to his other duties he has for the past thirty years worked at the court house extending taxes on the tax books. He has many times been deputy county clerk and has also been employed in the office of county superintendent and that of city treasurer. Since 1883 he has been the efficient and trusted school treasurer of Carthage township, being appointed by a board of two republicans and one prohibitionist, while he is a staunch democrat. The appointment came to him on the 7th of March, 1883, and he still continues in the office. In 1892 he was chosen superintendent of the fair grounds for a term of one year and was assistant secretary of the Fair Association prior to this time. He has assisted for three years in distributing the poor fund of the city and thus he has filled many places of public trust and responsibility, being always found thoroughly reliable and enterprising. He has moreover frequently been called to assist in the bank when extra help has been needed. Like his father he has always been an earnest and stalwart democrat. He is undoubtedly one of the most methodical men of the county and state, having kept an account of all his doings ever since he entered business life. He is a fine writer and splendid accountant and has been well qualified for the discharge of the various duties that have devolved upon him. Upon the organization of Plum Brothers Brick and Tile Company of Carthage, Mr. Jones became treasurer and has served in this position

continuously since, or for three years. He was administrator of his father's estate, has also acted as administrator, guardian, trustee and conservator of many estates for many years and in this connection has settled many intricate business problems.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones has been born a son, Emmanuel W., whose birth occurred in Hancock county, March 31, 1871. He pursued his education here, passing through successive grades until he had completed the high school work, and he also attended a year and a half at Carthage College. He afterward attended Eureka College at Eureka, Illinois, for nearly two years, when his health failed and he returned home. He is a carpenter and contractor and is an expert mechanic. He spent six years working at his trade in Omaha, Nebraska, with a prominent builder, going there in 1899 or 1900. During the winter of 1905-06 he worked on the tax books at Carthage. He wedded Miss Mary Christensen, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in 1903, and they make their home in Carthage. Like his father he is a stalwart democrat and is a man of good education.

Both Judge Jones and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church. He became identified therewith October 26, 1862, and beginning in 1873 he served for two years as an elder in Oak Grove church and was also assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school for one year and superintendent for one year of that school. He served as deacon in the church at Carthage from 1877 until 1879 and since that time has been elder, being again and again re-elected. He was assistant su-

perintendent of the Sunday-school in Carthage for three years and a half and for many years has been superintendent and continuously has served as a teacher when not in the former position. He has also been church treasurer, and in fact has labored untiringly for the benefit of the church whether in office or out of it and has contributed in direct measure to its improvement. His wife is also deeply interested in the church, sharing with him in all of his work in its behalf. Mr. Jones is an honored member of the Odd Fellows society, belonging to Bentley lodge, No. 412, of which he served as secretary for two years. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 388, and for five terms has served as keeper of the records and has been both chancellor commander and vice chancellor.

Judge Jones has spent nearly his entire life in this county and few men are more widely known and none are held in higher esteem because of a life of uprightness, honor, integrity and kindly purpose. His life has been filled with many good deeds and benevolent actions. He is pleasant and genial and the number of his friends is almost co-extensive with the number of his acquaintances.

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#### EMMANUEL JONES.

Emmanuel Jones, deceased, was born in Reiley township, Butler county, Ohio, December 25, 1813, and was a son of Nicholas and Mary (Farnsworth) Jones,

who removed from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio after the war of 1812, in which Nicholas Jones had participated. He had three brothers who served in that war, under General Anthony Wayne. On removing westward to Ohio Nicholas Jones arrived at Cincinnati, Ohio, which was a village of log cabins on the bottom then called Lonsantville. He did not like it there. He then went back thirty miles and settled in the midst of a timbered tract in Butler county, three miles south of where Oxford now stands, the trees growing so thick that it was necessary to remove them before he could build a log cabin. The family there lived in true pioneer style. There was no glass for windows and instead greased paper was used. In the cabin were large, broad chimneys and they hung their candles in the chimneys so the Indians could not see the lights, for the red men were still numerous in the neighborhood and were a constant menace to life and property. The first tax which Nicholas Jones paid was fifty cents on his quarter section of land. He won the half dollar by driving a heifer which a neighbor had sold to a man at the county-seat, a distance of ten miles, but while walking back home he lost the money. There were many privations and hardships incident to pioneer life which were borne by the family but as the years passed they succeeded in converting the place into a good and well improved farm.

Emmanuel Jones spent his boyhood days upon the old homestead farm in Butler county and in his youth learned the trade of a carpenter and millwright.

He afterward spent ten years in Venice, Ohio, and in May, 1856, removed westward to Carthage, Illinois, where he resided continuously until his death, which occurred in 1900. He was a fife major in the second regiment of the Third Battalion of the Ohio Militia. This commission was dated September 14, 1831. He played the fife throughout his entire life, his services in that direction being much in demand at different celebrations. He did duty as a fifer under Colonel Griffin Halstead, the father of Murat Halstead, of Cincinnati, Ohio, the official historian of the war department. Mr. Jones received his appointment as fifer from L. D. Kennard, lieutenant colonel, attested by L. D. Campbell, adjutant and the commission papers are now in possession of his son, Judge George W. Jones, of Carthage. (This commission was dated Hamilton, Ohio, October 17, 1835). In the year 1857, Emmanuel Jones served as collector in Hancock township, Hancock county, and he was in many ways identified with the public life of the community and the development and progress of this portion of the state. He was also one of the school trustees of said township.

In early manhood Emmanuel Jones was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Rees, a daughter of John Rees, who came from Wales to America in company with a brother in the latter part of the eighteenth century. They landed in New York and John Rees at once associated himself with the English people of the new world, so as to become familiar with the language spoken. He worked for a man who was a whig. One day his land-



lord asked him how he was going to vote, telling him the whigs were in favor of the landlords. Rees replied "If that is the case I will not investigate farther but will vote against them" and so voted the democratic ticket all his life. He was married in New York to Miss Sarah Lloyd and together with his brother they removed to Kentucky, where Mrs. Rees died. John Rees afterward wedded Miss Ann Laing and removed to Rossville, Ohio, which is now a part of West Hamilton, Ohio. There he worked at his trade of blacksmithing, which he had perfected in a seven years' apprenticeship in Wales. After a residence of several years in Hamilton, Butler county, he took up his abode upon a farm in Butler township, that county, where he conducted a blacksmith shop and also carried on general farming until he retired from active business life. He was influential in community affairs and served as assessor for many years in Ohio. He was also captain in one of the old militia companies and was always known by that title. He came to America in order to escape compulsory military service in the English army but was so well pleased with the country that he never returned. The last letter he ever received from home was written by his mother, who was then one hundred and five years of age. He died in 1853, at the age of seventy-six years. George W. Jones has in his possession the Bible in the Welsh language that was given to John Rees by his mother when he left Wales. It was his daughter, Mary Ann, who became the wife of Emmanuel Jones. Her grandmother, Sarah Chamberlain, who married John,

Laing, at one time kept the Americans and British from meeting at her home in New Jersey, being at that time a little girl. When the British marauders went around over the country demanding everything that they cared to use, they saw her one day out in the yard and told her they wanted honey. She advised them to go to the house for it but instead of that they knocked the hives to pieces and took the honey. Mrs. (Chamberlain) Laing also remembered of seeing General Washington. She died in Union county, Indiana, when between ninety-seven and ninety-eight years of age. Mrs. Laing's mother's maiden name was Hannah Lawrence. Her ancestors had settled on Long Island at a very early day, one of them being John Lawrence, an Englishman.

Mary Ann Rees, wife of Emmanuel Jones, was born in Rossville, now West Hamilton, Ohio, April 7, 1818, and on the 12th of March, 1835, gave her hand in marriage to Mr Jones, with whom she lived happily for fifty-six years. She, with her husband, became members of the Christian church in 1857, being baptized by Elder Thomas S. Brockman, in Crooked creek near their home. She was a kind-hearted woman, was never known to do an unkindly act in her life and she was greatly beloved by all. Her funeral sermon as well as that of her husband was preached by Elder Charles Scofield. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of nine children, of whom four are now living: George W., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Jerome B., who is living in Carthage township; Anna M., the wife of Alfred Adams, who resides upon the old

homestead farm in Hancock township; and Tylee R. Jones, who is living with his sister on the old homestead. The parents were devoted members of the Christian church, in which Mr. Jones served as an elder for thirty years. In the work of the church they took a very active and helpful part and their influence proved a potent element for good. Mr. Jones was a quiet unostentatious man and good citizen, who was well respected by all who knew him. A devoted christian gentleman, he did much to promote the cause of the church at Oak Grove and largely aided in the erection of the substantial frame building there. He furnished every piece of timber for the frame work and heavy sills and hauled them to the place of building over a miserably poor road for a distance of four or five miles, in which he had to cross two creeks. The timber was hewed by George W. Jones and his brother and was framed for the church by the father. He also worked by the day as a carpenter on the building, likewise gave money for its construction and was never known to refuse a call for aid in worthy christian work or benevolent purpose. He was one of the first converts under the teaching of General T. S. Brockman in 1857 and throughout his entire life his actions were guided by high purpose and worthy motives. His christianity was not in reserve for Sunday use but permeated his everyday life and work and found exemplification in his business. He was a very industrious man and could never be induced to execute a poor job. He was always at work, rain or shine, and did all of the work for Norman Hobart, who

had the best mill ever erected in the county. He also built other mills and he wove thousands of yards of carpet, operating looms in an early day. A man of domestic tastes he had great love for his home and in his family displayed the most kindly, generous spirit. All who knew him respected him for his genuine worth and his history well deserves mention in this volume, as he was one of the early settlers of the county and did much to promote its upbuilding and development.

He and his wife lived upon the farm until their children prevailed upon them to leave it and take up their abode in Carthage, where they remained until called to their final rest. They experienced many privations and hardships during their early life as pioneers in Illinois. He first built his house on the hill at the advice of friends but had to move it down, so that the neighbors hitched twenty yoke of oxen to it and in this way took it to its present site, hauling the building with very strong chains. The number of their friends was almost co-extensive with the number of their acquaintances and they were classed among the most respected and worthy pioneer residents of the county.

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#### HENRY C. WILLIAMS.

Henry C. Williams, one of the prominent residents of Walker township, who has attained a goodly measure of success in his farming operations, was born

in Kentucky on September 20, 1829, his parents being Levi and Mary (Reid) Williams, who were likewise natives of Kentucky. Both were born in Madison county, the father in 1794 and the mother in 1796. His life was given to the work of the farm, and thinking to more readily achieve success by establishing a home on the frontier he came to Hancock county in 1832, settling in Walker township. The land was largely unbroken prairie or uncut forests, and he lived in a little log cabin for some years in true pioneer style, sharing in the hardships and privations, the pleasures and the opportunities which come to those who establish homes on the frontier. He had previously served his country as a soldier in the war of 1812, and again his military spirit was manifest in the attempt which was made by the settlers to drive the Mormons from the county in 1844, resulting in the expulsion of the sect whose polygamous practices were obnoxious to the law-abiding citizens. He was also a member of the Illinois militia and served with the rank of colonel, commanding a regiment. His political allegiance was given to the whig party and his last presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln. He died in the year 1860, while his wife passed away in 1872, and they were laid to rest in Walker township. People of the highest respectability, they won the hearty esteem and confidence of all with whom they were associated. In their family were five children, of whom three are now living: John R., of Warsaw; Rice C., of Peoria, Illinois; and Henry C., of this review.

When only three years of age Henry C.

Williams was brought by his parents to Hancock county, and in the primitive schools of Walker township he acquired a knowledge of the common branches of English learning. His training at farm labor was not meager, for he early assisted in the arduous task of developing new land and remained upon the old homestead with his parents until long after he had attained his majority. At the time of the early gold excitement in California he made a trip to the Pacific coast, spending three years in the mines and in traveling over that part of the country. Following his return to Hancock county he engaged in farming in Walker township and throughout the greater part of his life has continuously followed general agricultural pursuits. He completed his arrangements for having a home of his own, by his marriage in 1858, to Miss Martha J. Quick, who was born in Bullet county, Kentucky, in 1840, a daughter of Alfred and Susan E. Quick, both of whom were born about twenty-five miles from Louisville, Kentucky, whence they came to Hancock county in 1847, settling in Rocky Run township. Her father was a stalwart republican but not an office seeker. In his family were seven children: Preston N. Quick, now living in Rocky Run township; Samuel, of the same township; James A., a resident of Missouri; Susan, the wife of James Shipe, of Warsaw; and three who have passed away. The mother's death occurred in July, 1892, and the father died in 1895, his remains being then interred by her side in a cemetery in Rocky Run township.

Prior to his marriage Mr. Williams

purchased one hundred and thirteen acres of land in Walker township and upon this farm he has made all of the improvements, erecting a pretty home in 1879, and at different times other substantial structures in the way of barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock. He was quite successful in the work of tilling the soil and has also raised some stock. At the same time he has not been neglectful of public duties and interests and has served as school trustee and director. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born five children, the birthplace of all being the present home farm. These are: Rosa A., the wife of J. C. Perry, of Bowen, Illinois, by whom she has three children, Russell, Stella and Grace; Robert M., who wedded Anna Denton, by whom he has three children, Earl, Lovetta, and Dolores, their home being in the state of Missouri; William P., who resides in Wythe township, and married Etta Lane, by whom he has two sons, Ralph and Lloyd; Iona J., who is acting as her father's housekeeper; and Luella M., the wife of John T. Gabel, of Wythe township, by whom she has two children, Harold and Edna. The wife and mother died April 22, 1895, and was laid to rest in Wilcox cemetery. She passed away in the faith of the Christian church, of which she was a devoted and faithful member. In her life she exemplified many sterling traits of character and thus left behind her many warm friends who yet cherish her memory. Mr. Williams is also a devoted member of the Christian church, in which he has served as deacon

and treasurer for some time. He began life with limited resources but through economy, upright life and business ability, and the aid of his wife, who was indeed a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey, he has accumulated a comfortable competence and is now enabled to enjoy many of the comforts of life, while in the community he stands high in public regard as one who is worthy of the ties of home and friendship and to the duties of citizenship as well as to the obligations of the business world.

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#### JOSEPH E. HELFRICH.

Joseph E. Helfrich, postmaster of Carthage, was born in this city November 15, 1860, a son of John and Josephine (Loring) Helfrich. The father was born and reared in Germany and in 1857 came to the United States to avoid compulsory military service in his country, settling first in Ohio, but soon afterward removing to Carthage. Here he met and married Miss Loring, a daughter of Frederick Loring, who came to Illinois from Vermont. Mr. Helfrich's desire to avoid military service was not from any lack of courage on his part as was soon demonstrated by the patriotism and loyalty he displayed to his native country when the United States became involved in the Civil war. With firm belief in the righteousness of the Union cause, he enlisted in 1861 as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Volun-



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teer Infantry and served until the close of the hostilities without hospital record. He was always at his post of duty and participated in many important engagements. Returning to the north when the war was over he opened a meat market in Carthage in 1865 and continued in that business successfully until his death in 1887. He was a very active and earnest worker in support of the Republican party but not an aspirant for office. That he gave his aid willingly and freely to the country in the dark days of the Civil war is not only indicated by his valorous service on the field of battle but also by his refusal to apply for a pension. He was nominated on the republican ticket for the office of sheriff when the county had a normal democratic majority of one thousand and his personal duty and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen is indicated by the fact that he was defeated by only sixty-two votes. He was reared in the faith of the Catholic church, while his wife was a member of the Christian church. She is still living and is a most active, effective and earnest worker in the Christian church and its attendant societies. She is greatly respected and admired among the older residents of the city, where she has many friends. In the family were seven sons and two daughters, all of whom are now living in Carthage: Joseph E., of this review; Mary C., the wife of J. L. Wolfe; Estella, the wife of L. G. Gerard; Charles N.; George V., state's attorney for Hancock county; John F.; Albert H.; Leo L.; and Oliver C. Helfrich.

Joseph E. Helfrich, the eldest of the family, was educated in the public schools

and afterward became his father's assistant in the meat market and subsequent to the father's death purchased the business, which has been conducted in the same building for forty years. It is situated on the south side of the square and is now the property of Mr. Helfrich of this review, the enterprise being the oldest business conducted under the same name in the city. Mr. Helfrich enjoys an unsailable reputation in business circles for his reliability and enterprise. He is ever straightforward in his dealings and well merits the success which has come to him, for it has resulted from close application and unflinching energy.

Mr. Helfrich was married September 1, 1881, to Miss Ida May Cudney; of Carthage, a daughter of Peter Cudney, one of the earlier residents of the county, who came here from Michigan. They now have three children: Mabel A., the wife of Alva M. Williams, a resident of Breckenridge, this county; and Edith Lyle and Otis Lloyd, both at home. All have received good educational privileges. The family residence is at the corner of Main and College avenue and the parents and children attend and support the Christian church.

Mr. Helfrich is a member of Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been worshipful master for two terms and also representative to the grand lodge. He belongs to Carthage chapter, Royal Arch Masons, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Modern Woodmen camp, Ancient Order of United Workmen and Court of Honor and is a worthy exemplar of these va-

rious organizations which have their basic element in mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness. In politics Mr. Helfrich has always been an active and earnest republican from the time he attained his majority and has been a member of the district central committee and for a number of years, chairman of the township central committee. The first office to which he was elected was that of township clerk, while later he was supervisor of Carthage township for two terms. He has attended as a delegate the various county and congressional conventions but has never been active as a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term. He is, however, now filling the position of postmaster, to which he was appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902. During his incumbency the postoffice has been advanced from a third to a second class and four new rural free delivery routes have been established, while there has been a large increase in the amount of business done, the revenue being increased twenty-five per cent. There are three assistants employed in the office and Mr. Helfrich was re-appointed, May, 1906, which is entirely satisfactory to the citizens at large, for his administration has been acceptable to all, owing to his promptness and reliability in the discharge of his duties. His residence in the city covers the entire period of his life and he is one of its most respected and worthy business men and officers.

On the President's call for volunteers for the Spanish-American war in 1898, Mr. Helfrich organized a company of one hundred and thirty men, known as the Hancock County Volunteers, and the

whole company was very much disappointed on finding that the quota for the state had been filled when their regiment was enlisted. Mr. Helfrich served nine years in the state militia, resigning the captaincy of his company, owing to lack of time.

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### JOHN B. JOHNSON.

John B. Johnson, who since 1901 has resided in Carthage, prior to which date he was engaged in farming and stock-raising in Hancock county, was born in St. Mary's township, March 4, 1867, his parents being M. M. and Mary (Bacon) Johnson. The father's birth also occurred in St. Mary's township, Hancock county, while the mother was born in Tennessee township, McDonough county. The father died April 7, 1906, and the mother lives at Carthage. Further mention is made of the family in connection with the sketch of the father on another page of this work.

John B. Johnson was educated in the district schools of St. Mary's township, in Carthage College and in Bloomington College in this state. During the periods of vacation he assisted in the labors of the farm and remained with his parents upon the old homestead until he had attained his majority, giving his attention to farming and stock-raising. In October, 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Stella Walker, a daughter of Thomas I. and Mary (Atchinson) Walker, and a native of St. Mary's, Hancock county,



where she was born October 3, 1870, and made her home until she came to live in Carthage. Her father is also a resident of Carthage but her mother passed away February 1, 1905. Mrs. Johnson continued her education in the high schools and in the college of Carthage and is a well informed lady of innate culture and refinement, who presides with gracious hospitality over their pleasant home. For seven years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived upon a farm in St. Mary's township, but in 1901 removed to the city, purchasing a new house at the corner of Adams and Buchanan streets. Mr. Johnson is still engaged in farming and stock-raising, but superintends his business interests while living in Carthage. He feeds about three hundred head of cattle a year and also a large number of hogs and deals quite extensively in horses. He also owns some lots in Carthage in addition to his residence property and he has his office at the Stock Exchange in the McMahon building on Adams street. He likewise has an improved farm of two hundred and forty acres of land in Carthage township and one hundred and sixty acres of land in St. Mary's township. He is yet a young man but has attained considerable success in business affairs and has accumulated a very desirable competence.

In his political views Mr. Johnson is a democrat and has served as supervisor and school director. He belongs to the Woodmen camp and he and his wife are devoted, active and faithful members of the Methodist church, in which he is serving as steward. Both are eligible to membership with the Sons and Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution, being descended from ancestors who fought for the independence of the nation. They have an attractive home, tastefully furnished, and books and music indicate the interests of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. She has greatly aided her husband in all of his undertakings and both enjoy in large measure the esteem and good will of many friends. He has already attained a creditable place in business circles and yet is hardly in the prime of life, so that the future probably holds in store for him greater successes.

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#### CHARLES F. SPENCE.

Charles F. Spence, engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Montebello township, is one of Illinois' native sons, and from his youth has resided largely in Hancock county. His birth, however, occurred in Adams county on the 26th of July, 1861, his parents being Abram and Angeline (Hulse) Spence, both natives of Ohio. The maternal grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Hulse, were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. Abram Spence, in his early manhood removed from Ohio to Adams county, Illinois, where he was married and there his death occurred in 1862. Following his demise his widow made her home near Beverly, Illinois, where she engaged in teaching school, and in 1866, she gave her hand in marriage to Peter Williams, a farmer of that locality. By this union

there were born four children, two sons and two daughters, of whom three are now living, Mary Etta, William G. and Frank E., all of whom are residents of Camp Point, Illinois, while Melissa, who was the second in order of birth, died at the age of two years. By the mother's first marriage there were two sons, the elder being Dr. John T. Spence, who is a practicing physician at Camp Point, Illinois. The death of Mrs. Spence occurred April 28, 1899.

Charles F. Spence lived with his mother to the age of seventeen years, when he began earning his own living by working by the month as a farm hand in Adams and Hancock counties. He was thus employed until a year prior to his marriage, when he purchased seventy-nine acres of land on section 26, Walker township, Hancock county, whereon he resided for four years. He then purchased one hundred acres on section 35, Montebello township and the year following his removal to his new purchase he sold his property in Walker township. The one-hundred-acre tract was quite well improved when he took possession. It was a stock farm and Mr. Spence has here engaged extensively in raising stock. He has an eight-ton stock scale upon his place, and from time to time he has made substantial improvements. He also built two corn-cribs, one a double crib. Later he built two more cribs and afterward a hay barn twenty-six by thirty-six feet with a nine foot shed on three sides. In 1896 he had a well drilled to the depth of one hundred and twenty-six feet. He farms very little upon his place, having eighteen acres only in corn, while the

remainder of his land is used for pasturage or for the raising of hay. However, he gives his personal supervision to the conduct of a farm of seventy-seven acres on section 34, Montebello township, cultivating the fields for the purpose of raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He is, however, best known as a stockman and raises horses, hogs and cattle. He also buys and deals in cattle, feeding and shipping about eighty or one hundred head annually. He also deals quite extensively in hogs, feeding about three hundred head per year.

On the 17th of February, 1886, Mr. Spence was married to Miss Dora Harrison, who was born in Walker township, Hancock county, September 16, 1864. She is a granddaughter of John and Martha (Ainsworth) Harrison, natives of Lancashire, England, and came to America about 1842, and settled in Walker township in 1842. It was in that township that their son, William Harrison, who was eighteen years of age when he came to America, the year before his parents, was united in marriage to Miss Maria Kirkendall, October 19, 1851. She was born in Pennsylvania, and a daughter of David Kirkendall, who was born in Scotland. The death of Mrs. Maria Harrison occurred August 25, 1865, and the father afterward married again. His death occurred January 8, 1901. By his first marriage he had four sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Spence is the youngest. By her marriage she became the mother of three children, of whom two died in infancy, while Carl H., the eldest, was born November 8, 1894, and died February 16, 1895. The

only living child is Charles W., who was born June 13, 1897.

Mr. Spence gives his political support to the democracy and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the lodge and chapter in Elvaston. Starting out in life on his own account when seventeen years of age he has always been dependent upon his own resources and investigation into his life history will show that his success is attributable to his own labors. He has never been idle for a single day and indolence is utterly foreign to his nature. He has worked persistently making the best possible use of his opportunities and he is justly accounted one of the foremost citizens and representative agriculturists of Montebello township.

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#### WILLIAM DICKSON BRADSHAW.

William Dickson Bradshaw is a prominent pioneer of Hancock county, where he owns and operates large landed possessions and is also engaged quite extensively in the raising of cattle. He was born in Jacksonville, Morgan county, this state, March 30, 1837. His father, Joel Bradshaw, was born in Sparta, White county, Tennessee, in 1812, and when a little lad of seven years was brought from the south to Illinois by his parents, John and Mary (Morgan) Bradshaw, natives of Tennessee and Kentucky respectively, the family home being established in Morgan county, near Jack-

sonville. Here the father spent his boyhood and youth, and after reaching man's estate was there married to Miss Catherine Dickson, who was born in Tennessee in 1815, a daughter of Hugh J. and Margaret (Tunk) Dickson, the former a native of Baltimore, Maryland, while the latter claimed the Keystone state as the place of her nativity, and upon leaving the south they, too, located in Morgan county, in 1817; their home being near the Bradshaws. Hugh J. Dickson served as a soldier in the Seminole war in Florida. After his marriage, which occurred March 20, 1834, the father of our subject then removed from Morgan county to this county, the time of his arrival being about August 20, 1837. He located in La Harpe township, where he purchased six hundred acres of wild and unimproved land, and taking up his abode here he at once began the work of developing and cultivating the land, erecting many buildings and otherwise improving the place until he made it a very valuable and productive farm property. In addition to his farming interests he engaged quite extensively in the raising of horses, cattle and hogs, keeping only the best grades of stock upon his farm. He was a very prominent and influential man in his day and was a leader in the upbuilding and development of this portion of the state, and here his death occurred November 5th at the age of seventy-nine. In the family of this worthy pioneer couple were born ten children, but only two brothers and one sister of our subject are now living. The family record is as follows: Jane, who was born March 14, 1835, and is now deceased;

William D., of this review; Mary Jane, who was born January 3, 1839, and became the wife of Frank Hine, of Jacksonville, Illinois, but is now deceased; George W., who was born January 1, 1841, and is a resident of La Harpe; Susanna E., who was born December 18, 1842, and died at the age of six years; Sarah L., who was born January 14, 1845, and became the wife of William C. Bainter, but is now deceased; Emma E., who was born February 8, 1847, and the widow of James Davis, now making her home in La Harpe; Elvina G., who was born May 20, 1849, and passed away at the age of six years; Joel G., who was born October 2, 1852, and passed away in 1894; and James M., who was born December 20, 1855, and now occupies the old homestead farm. The mother died in 1859.

William D. Bradshaw pursued his education in the common schools of Morgan county, but his educational privileges were very limited owing to the unsettled condition of the country and the lack of a good school system. He has, however, through reading and observation added to his fund of knowledge until he has become a well informed man. He was early trained to the duties of farm labor, assisting his father in the arduous work of breaking and cultivating wild land, and sharing with the family in all of the hardships and privations, as well as the pleasures of a frontier existence. When he came to this county deer and other wild beasts were to be seen roaming through the forest, and there was much wild game of all kinds to be had, so that the early settlers could indulge in hunt-

ing in those days, and thus the family board was frequently supplied with wild meat of various kinds. He remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, when on the 22d of December, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Bainter, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Huston) Bainter, who, after their marriage in Ohio, made an overland trip to this state, the year of their arrival being 1835. Thus, like the Bradshaws, they were numbered among the early pioneer settlers of this portion of the state.

Following his marriage Mr. Bradshaw purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, on which he has placed many improvements in the way of fences, substantial outbuildings and a fine country residence, and here he has continued to make his home to the present time. He has added a tract of one hundred and fifty acres, located on section 31, so that he has here extensive holdings, on which he is engaged in general farming and has raised cattle to quite an extent, this branch of his business proving a gratifying source of income. His place is well tiled and the land is placed under a high state of cultivation, so that he annually gathers abundant crops as the result of the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. He follows only the best methods of farming and uses the latest improved farm implements to facilitate his work. Unto our subject and his wife was born one daughter, Sarah Margaret, who was born November 4, 1868. Her death occurred in June, 1894, she having been a great sufferer from rheumatism for many years prior to her death.

Mr. Bradshaw's study of the current

events of the nation has led him to give hearty support to the Democratic party. For twenty years he served as school treasurer of La Harpe township, and in many ways has given active and helpful support to local advancement and progress. He has now almost reached the seventieth milestone on life's journey and during the long years of his residence here has seen marvelous changes as the wild land has been converted into rich farming property, towns and villages have sprung into existence and the work of development and improvement along commercial, industrial and agricultural lines has been carried forward, and he has not only been a witness of all this but has been an active participant and a leader in many movements whereby the general public has benefited. He and his wife are worthy pioneer people, highly esteemed throughout the county where they have so long lived and labored and where they enjoy the good will and confidence of a host of friends, to whom they have become endeared by reason of the many excellent traits of character which they possess.

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#### GEORGE CLERE.

George Clere, who is engaged in general farming in Bear Creek township, has a place that is well kept, denoting his great neatness, thrift and enterprise. He was born upon this farm April 30, 1872, and is a son of Theodore and Catherine

(Miller) Clere. His father was born in France and crossed the ocean when ten years of age with his parents. Soon, however, they became residents of Clermont county, Ohio. At a later date Theodore Clere went to California, where he remained for ten years, and in 1869, he was married and came to Illinois. His wife was born and reared in Highland county, Ohio, and both Mr. and Mrs. Clere are now living in Basco. Although a blacksmith by trade Mr. Clere has followed farming for many years and is now associated with his son George in the conduct of agricultural interests. Mrs. Clere had one brother, Henry Miller, who was a soldier in the Civil war for three years, enlisting from Ohio. He lost his eyesight in the service. He was not in any battles but was an expert bridge-builder, who with other workmen of this character went ahead of the army and built bridges and other such work, so that the armies could continue their progress. While thus engaged he was shot at many times.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Clere have been born four children: George, of this review; Emma, the wife of Charles Hays, who is living near Carthage; Elizabeth, the wife of Albert Hartman, residing in Bear Creek township; and Catherine, the wife of Dr. William Rankin, of Basco, Illinois.

George Clere pursued his education in the schools of Basco and during the fall and winter of 1890-91 was a student in the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, Illinois. He then returned to the old home farm and assisted his father in its operation, continuing thereon after his

marriage. He is now a partner of his father and they deal very extensively in stock, feeding and shipping large quantities of cattle.

On the 18th of October, 1898, Mr. Clere was united in marriage to Miss Birdie Rohrbaugh, who was born near Basco, October 3, 1876, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary (Tanner) Rohrbaugh. Her maternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812. Her father was born in Virginia, while the mother's birth occurred near Plymouth, Hancock county, Illinois. Mr. Rohrbaugh came to this state when quite young and is now living in Oquawka, in Henderson county, Illinois. His wife died, however, when their daughter, Mrs. Clere, was a little maiden. They had three children: Birdie; Clarence, who is living in Leavenworth, Kansas; and Albert, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clere began their domestic life upon the old homestead farm, comprising three hundred and seventy acres of valuable land situated on sections 22 and 23, Bear Creek township. It is very valuable and the fields are productive because of the care and cultivation that has been bestowed upon them. There are also good buildings upon the place and everything is indicative of the supervision of the owner. In his political views George Clere is a stalwart democrat, yet has never been an aspirant for office. He is an Odd Fellow and has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge and has twice been representative to the grand lodge. He also holds membership relations with the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are devoted

members of the Baptist church. The marriage of this worthy couple has been blessed with one son, Leslie, who was born January 17, 1900, on the same farm where the father's birth occurred and where the family are still residing.

Mr. Clere has led a life of activity and usefulness and much that he possesses has been acquired through his own labor. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have gone by and his farm bears every evidence of his care and supervision.

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#### JOHN J. BODDEKER.

The man whose name introduces this review is one of the prosperous farmers of Appanoose township that Germany has furnished to this state. Born in Prussia, Germany, his natal day was March 6, 1848, his parents being Joseph and Josephine (Lengenman) Boddeker. He acquired his education in the fatherland, and at the age of twenty-three years enlisted for service in the German army, in which he served for six months, at the end of which time, having heard favorable reports concerning the advantages and opportunities to be enjoyed in the new world, he decided to leave his native land, and accordingly in 1871, emigrated to America, making his way at once to Hancock county, where he spent the succeeding three years as a farm hand, working by the month for various farmers of this locality. Possessing the energetic, in-

dustrious and economical spirit so characteristic of the German element, at the end of three years he was enabled to engage in farming on his own account and then removed to Knox county, Missouri, where he lived on a rented farm for eight years. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits and met with such good success that on the expiration of that period he had capital sufficient to justify the purchase of land, and then returned again to Appanoose township, where he bought eighty-eight acres, situated on section 14. This was but partially improved but he at once set to work to further improve the land, placing his fields under cultivation, from which he annually gathered good crops. He has erected all of the buildings which are today found upon his farm, and from time to time has added to his landed possessions, having in 1888 added forty acres to his original purchase, and also twenty-four acres of timber land, and in 1899 he bought an additional eighty-acre tract, so that he now has two hundred and thirty-two acres in all, of which one hundred acres is under a high state of cultivation. The remainder is covered with timber or used as pasture land, on which are found high grades of horses, shorthorn cattle and Chester White hogs. He engages quite extensively in the raising of live stock, and this branch of his business is likewise proving a good source of revenue to him. In 1898 he built a fine country residence, containing nine rooms, and supplied with all modern conveniences for the comfort and convenience of the inmates. In 1903 he built a large barn seventy by fifty feet, which furnishes

ample room for horses, cattle and hay, and he also has many other outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock, and which add to the attractive appearance of his place.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Boddeker chose Miss Mary Ponnaburg, to whom he was married on the 1st of January, 1875. She is a native of this township, and a daughter of Henry and Mary Ann Catherine (Moss) Ponnaburg, natives of Prussia. Mr. and Mrs. Boddeker have become the parents of six sons and five daughters, namely: Annie, who was born April 7, 1876, and is now the wife of Henry Schneider, of Appanoose township; Joseph, born March 6, 1878, likewise a resident of this township; Henry, born March 25, 1881, and a resident of Pontoosuc township; John, born March 3, 1884, at home; Jennetta, born March 18, 1886, and now the wife of George Hisler, residing near Dallas, Illinois; Antony, born June 11, 1888, Josephine, December 5, 1890, Ferdinand, July 31, 1892, Florence, March 15, 1896, Isabella, November 13, 1899, and Albert, born March 7, 1903, all at home with their parents.

Coming to America thirty-five years ago, possessing little capital, and without knowledge of the language or customs of the new world, John J. Boddeker, soon acquired the English tongue and was quick to note and improve any opportunity that presented itself for advancement and as the years have passed he has gradually worked his way up until he is now in possession of a comfortable property. He gives his political support to the Democratic party and is a communicant

of the Catholic church. Aside from holding the office of school director he has served in no other official capacity, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farming interests, in which he is meeting with unbounded success and is today numbered among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Appanoose township.

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#### WILLIAM G. MILBORN, JR.

William G. Milborn, Jr., figures prominently in political circles in Carthage, where he is now serving as city treasurer and also occupies an enviable position in business circles as one of the proprietors of the Rand-Milborn Cigar Manufacturers. He dates his residence in Carthage from 1873, the year of his birth, his parents being William G. and Barbara (Workman) Milborn. The father, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man about twenty-one years of age, landing at New York. He is a cabinetmaker by trade and at the present writing is employed in J. Nace's furniture factory in Carthage, having made his home in this city since 1870. He is now sixty-two years of age and his wife is also living. They have six children who still live, five having died in childhood, the record of the sons and daughters still living being as follows: William G., Jr.; Charles, who is living with his parents; Caroline, who is employed in a store in Peoria, Illinois; Emma, Antone and Esther, all at home.

At the usual age William G. Milborn, Jr., entered the public schools and therein pursued his studies until he entered business life, being first employed in a restaurant for a period of four years. He afterward learned the trade of a cigar-maker in Carthage and on the 3d of February, 1906, embarked in business on his own account in a building in which he had been employed for twelve years. The firm is now known as the Rand-Milborn Cigar Company, and they manufacture cigars, having the largest factory of the kind in the city, employing ten assistants in Carthage, while they have upon the road a traveling salesman. They sell to both the wholesale and retail trade and the business has reached extensive proportions, making it a profitable enterprise. Mr. Milborn has closely applied himself to his trade, which he has mastered in principle and detail, and is thus competent to ably direct the labors of those whom he now employs.

In 1894 Mr. Milborn was married to Miss Sarah M. Marvel, who was born in Chili township, September 25, 1871, a daughter of William B. and Mary (Powell) Marvel, who were of Scotch descent. Her father is a retired farmer now living in Carthage and in the family are five daughters: Eva; Mollie, the wife of Cleophus O'Harra, of Rapid City, South Dakota; Mrs. Sarah Milborn; Alice; and Phillena, the wife of John Rand, Jr., a nephew of the partner of our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Milborn have one son, William Marvel Milborn, who was born in Carthage, April 26, 1905. Mr. Milborn has recently completed a handsome residence on North Adams street and he



and his wife occupy an enviable position in social circles, while the gracious hospitality of their own home has made it a favorite resort with their many friends. Mr. Milborn is a Knight of Pythias and has served as chancellor in the Court of Honor, which position he still holds. In politics he has always been a staunch democrat and in 1905 was elected city treasurer of Carthage, in which position he has discharged his duties in prompt and faithful manner. He is deeply interested in the success of his party and does all in his power to insure its growth. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian church. His success in business is largely due to his energy, ability and genuine uprightness.

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#### ALEXANDER PHILLIPPI.

Alexander Phillippi is a retired farmer living in Colusa. He dates his residence in this county since 1868, during which time he has formed a wide and favorable acquaintance among the residents of this part of the state. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1833, his parents being George and Mary (McMillan) Phillippi. Both were natives of the Keystone state and the father, who was born in October, 1802, followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He always lived in the vicinity of his birthplace and both he and his wife have now passed away. Of

their four children two are living: Elizabeth, the widow of Lewis F. Ambrose and a resident of Indiana; and Alexander, of this review.

To the district school system of his native state Alexander Phillippi is indebted for the educational privileges he enjoyed. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and in 1856 came to Illinois, working for four years by the month as a farm hand in Fulton county. He afterward engaged in farming on the shares in that county until March, 1868, when he came to Hancock county, Illinois, settling on a farm of eighty acres in Pilot Grove township, which he had purchased the year before and where he lived until 1886. He then exchanged his original property for a quarter section of land also on section 5, Pilot Grove township, which he still owns. His time and energies were devoted to its further cultivation and improvement until 1897, when he retired from farming and removed to Colusa, building there a pretty cottage which he now occupies.

In early manhood Mr. Phillippi was married to Miss Martha Burnett, who was born October 2, 1841, and was reared in Fulton county, Illinois. Her death occurred in 1865 and of the two children born of that marriage-only one is now living: George M., who was born in 1863 and resides in Nebraska. Mrs. Phillippi was a member of the United Brethren church and was an estimable lady who had many friends. In October, 1868, Mr. Phillippi was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary Fry, widow of Isaac Fry, who was a soldier of the Civil war. Mrs. Phillippi was

born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry and Margaret Swartz. She had two children by her first marriage; Emma, the wife of Edward Weirather, of St. Louis; and Alma, the wife of William Robertson, of Kansas. By the second marriage there are two children: Mary E., who is the wife of U. S. Swigert, of Colusa, and is postmistress; and Francis M., of Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Phillippi exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy and has held a number of township offices, including that of road supervisor. He has also been a member of the school board and is interested in all that pertains to material, intellectual and moral progress in his community. Throughout his entire life he has commanded and enjoyed the respect of his fellowmen and is one whose word is as good as his bond. A life of energy and activity has been crowned with well-earned rest and he is now spending the evening of his days in a pleasant home in Colusa surrounded by many of life's comforts.

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#### ANDREW W. BYERS.

Andrew W. Byers, the late owner and proprietor of Riverside Hotel in Dallas City, displayed many progressive methods in the conduct of his hostelry, which he kept thoroughly modern in its equipments, while putting forth effective and

earnest effort for the comfort and welfare of his patrons. His business qualifications and his genial manner made him a favorite with many travelers and he was popular with all who found entertainment at the Riverside Hotel. His life record began in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1849, and ended in Dallas City, September 17, 1906, his parents being William and Esther (Cochran) Byers, the former a native of Westmoreland county, and the latter of Fayette county, Pennsylvania. William Byers was a farmer by occupation and in the year 1858 came to Hancock county, Illinois, settling upon a farm, his remaining days being devoted to general agricultural pursuits in this part of the state. His political support was given to the democracy. He died in May, 1878, and when in December, 1894, his wife also passed away, she was laid to rest by his side in Union cemetery. Their family numbered seven children and four have departed this life, while those now living are as follows: Nancy, the wife of Alfred Nelson, a resident of Oklahoma; Samuel, who is living in Hancock county; and Margaret, the wife of Charles Hull, of La Harpe.

Andrew W. Byers was educated in the district schools of Hancock county and remained upon the old home farm until his father's death, after which he engaged in the cultivation and management of the property. In 1888, however, he left the farm and came to Dallas City, where for a year and a half he conducted a hotel and livery barn. He then removed to Fort Madison, Iowa, where he was proprietor of a livery stable for nine years.

and on the expiration of that period he conducted a hotel and livery business in La Harpe, Illinois, for a year and a half. In 1902 he returned to Dallas City and with wide experience in the hotel business took charge of the Riverside Hotel on Oak and Front streets. This is a modern hostelry, first class in every respect, and both Mr. and Mrs. Byers did everything in their power for the welfare and comfort of their patrons during his life, and since his death Mrs. Byers with her son Lester have continued the business, which has increased rapidly of late, they much of the time having more than they can accommodate. The present manager being a natural hotel man, courteous, accommodating and genial in ways, giving his patrons better than is often found in much larger towns, it is a natural result that the business is increasing.

In August, 1874, Mr. Byers was married to Miss Mary Ramsey, who was born in Marshall county, Illinois, in 1851, a daughter of Samuel and Louisa (Terry) Ramsey, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of the state of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation and in 1851 came to Illinois, settling on a farm in Hancock county. His days were devoted to tilling the soil and he placed his land under a high state of cultivation so that rich crops were annually gathered therefrom. His political support was given to the democracy. His wife died in the year 1875 and he passed away in 1883, his remains being laid to rest in the Harris cemetery in Dallas township. In their family were eight children, of whom seven are living, namely: Caroline, the wife of Oscar

Rich, of Hancock county; William, a resident of Dallas City; Mrs. Byers; Addison, living in Kansas; Elizabeth, the wife of John Leighton, of Stronghurst, Illinois; Stephen, whose home is in this county; and Andrew, a carpenter of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers were the parents of seven children, all born on the farm in Hancock county with the exception of the youngest. The family record is as follows: Roy married Grace McKeehan, lives in Seattle, Washington, and has two children, John and Dorothy. William died at the age of twenty-one years and was buried at Fort Madison. Josie is the wife of Harry Bradshaw and resides in La Harpe, Illinois. Samuel went to Chicago at the age of eighteen and died at the age of twenty-three. Lester, who married Miss Grace Hart and has one daughter, Mary, is now manager of the hotel. Nell is at home with her mother, and Frank, twelve years of age, is attending school in Dallas City. The death of their son Samuel, who at the age of twenty-three years went to Chicago, and at the time of his demise was occupying a fine position with a live stock company in that city, having worked his way steadily upward to a very responsible place, was a great blow to the family. About Thanksgiving in 1905 he contracted a severe cold, which developed into consumption. His brother Lester took him to El Paso, Texas, but he found no relief in that sunny clime and passed away March 6, 1906, at the age of twenty-three years, six months and eighteen days, his remains being interred in Dallas City cemetery. He was a dutiful

and loving son, a trusted employe and a general favorite among his associates. The company by which he was employed felt the deepest sorrow at his death and spoke most feelingly of his good qualities not only because of his business capacity but also because of his honorable dealings and trustworthy character. These qualities as well as the social side of his nature were manifest in all life's relations and he was genuinely esteemed by all who knew him. His personality was such as to make him popular with all who knew him. He was a young man of fine personal appearance, of high principles, generous and kindly spirit, and his death came as a great loss to his many friends as well as his immediate family.

Mr. Byers voted with the democracy. His widow is a devoted member of the Christian church and stands high in public regard throughout the community in which she resides. Mr. Byers depended largely upon his own resources for the success that he achieved, having inherited nothing from relatives nor did he place his dependence upon fortunate circumstances, but relied upon diligence and enterprise to win him the success which is the goal of all business endeavor.

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#### BENJAMIN F. BENNER.

Benjamin F. Benner, who gave his life as a sacrifice to his country in the Civil war, was born in Stark county, Ohio, May 27, 1836, a son of Elias and Chris-

tina (Cramer) Benner. In the year 1839, his parents came to Illinois but afterward returned to Ohio and in that state the mother died. Benjamin F. Benner spent his boyhood and youth there, remaining a resident of Ohio until about 1855, when he removed to Sonora, Illinois, where he conducted a blacksmith shop, having previously learned the trade in the Buckeye state. He was a good workman and soon secured a liberal patronage, leading a busy and industrious life. He was also appointed to the position of postmaster of Sonora, in which capacity he served for two years, when he resigned in August, 1862, and enlisted for service in the Civil war, being assigned to duty with the boys in blue of Company C, One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry. He served with that command until his death, which occurred at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on the 5th of February, 1865.

On the 9th of November, 1861, Mr. Benner was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Forney, who was born at Sonora, Hancock county, on the 23d of September, 1843, and pursued her education in the district schools. Her father, Jacob Forney, was born in Stark county, Ohio, April 17, 1816, and was a son of John and Mary (Smith) Forney, both of whom were natives of Ohio. With his parents he removed from Ohio to Ray county, Missouri, in 1835, making the journey westward with ox teams and it was in Missouri that he was married on the 15th of April, 1838, to Miss Margaret Smith, whose birth occurred in Stark county, Ohio, December 22, 1821, her parents being John and Betsey (Clapper)

Smith, who were natives of Pennsylvania. She, too, had accompanied her parents from Ohio to Missouri, traveling after the primitive manner of the times. At their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Forney settled upon a farm of eighty acres in Missouri, but in 1839 sold that property and in the spring of that year removed to Adams county, Illinois. In the succeeding autumn they removed to Sonora, becoming pioneer residents of this part of the state. They found an unimproved district, the land being raw and uncultivated, while every evidence of pioneer life was to be found here. Mr. Forney saw many deer and much wild game, whereby many a pioneer table was supplied with meat. There were a number of wild animals and the Indians were also frequently seen, having not yet left this district for their reservations farther west. Mr. Forney purchased a tax title to one hundred and sixty acres of land which was wild and unimproved. He located on the prairie and also bought eighty acres more. Subsequently he purchased eleven and a half acres of timber land and afterward invested in five acres more of timber. He also bought two more eighty-acre tracts which he subsequently sold to his sons. He improved his first farm and carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation and adding the equipments and accessories which are found upon a model farm. He continued to reside there until he came to Hamilton, where he now resides, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Brenner. His wife, however, passed away on the 8th of June, 1887. Mr.

Forney still owns two hundred and forty acres of prairie land in Sonora township, which he now rents and from which he derives a good income. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Forney were born four daughters and three sons. Elizabeth Sarah became the wife of Franklin Bradley, who died in Hancock county, after which she removed to Osborne county, Kansas, where she now resides. Aaron H. died in Osborne county, Kansas, in 1903. Mary A. is now Mrs. Benner. Emerilla is the widow of George C. Waggonner, of Hamilton, who died March 8, 1904. Bianca L. is the wife of Wilson J. Powers, who is living in Osborne county, Kansas. Chauncey S. is a practicing physician of Dallas City, Illinois, and Ervin L. is living in Roger Mills county, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Benner had but one child, Austin F., who was born November 3, 1862, and died of typhoid fever November 19, 1879. They had been to Kansas and taken a claim of one hundred and sixty acres in Mitchell county, there living for a short time, after which they returned to Hancock county. In April, 1879, they again went to Kansas, where they remained until November, when they again came to Hancock county and within a few days the son passed away. Mrs. Benner still owns five acres of land in the village of Sonora, where she has two houses which she rents. She bought two lots in Hamilton and in the fall of 1902 built a residence, to which she removed in 1903 and she and her father are now living together. She is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this section of the state and has a wide ac-

quaintance here. She has witnessed much of the development and progress of Hancock county from pioneer times down to the present and can relate many interesting incidents of the early days.

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JAMES A. PAUL.

James A. Paul, who dates his residence in this county from 1885, at which time he took up his abode upon his present farm in Pontoosuc township, is a native of Ohio, having been born in Ross county, in 1849, a son of Hugh H. and Margery (Nichols) Paul. The father was born in Virginia, on September 2, 1821, and the mother's birth occurred in Ohio, January 1, 1823. For some years after their marriage they remained in the Buckeye state and in 1861 became residents of Henderson county, Illinois, where the father died April 1, 1866. His wife long survived him and passed away December 17, 1881, when her grave was made by his side in a cemetery at Burlington, Iowa. Three of their five children survive, our subject and the daughters being Eliza Ann, the wife of Benjamin Long, of Burlington, and Victoria, the wife of Merton Galvin, of Burlington. Two uncles of our subject, James F. and Thomas Paul, were soldiers of the Civil war.

James A. Paul was educated in the public schools of Henderson county, Illinois, and of Burlington, Iowa, and remained with his mother as long as she

lived. He was married January 4, 1883, to Miss Junie Haworth, whose birth occurred in Pontoosuc, this county, March 12, 1865, a daughter of Reese and Elizabeth (Kidson) Haworth. Her father was born in Iowa, where he still lives, but her mother, a native of Ohio, is deceased. He served for a year or more as a soldier of an Indiana regiment during the Civil war and in 1863 came to this county, settling in Pontoosuc township. In his family were two children but one has passed away. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Paul lived for two years on a farm near Burlington, Iowa, and in 1885 settled on a farm on section 21, Pontoosuc township, Mr. Paul purchasing eighty acres of land, on which he built a good house, barn and fences, and which he owned until October 1, 1906, when he sold at good advantage and will buy a larger farm where land is not so costly. He actively carries on the farm work of the fields and also raises good stock, both branches of his business proving profitable.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Paul have been born eight children, of whom seven are living: Jennie M., the wife of Otto Englehard, of Pontoosuc township, by whom she has one daughter, Clara; Jessie E., the wife of Albert Krause, a resident farmer of Dallas township, by whom she has one child, Paul; Reese M., Ruth Ann, Hugh F., Bertha Grove and Junie Mae, all at home. The parents are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Shiloh, in which he is serving as trustee; and upon the republican ticket, which he always votes, he has been elected to various township offices, including

those of assessor, commissioner and road overseer. He finds in the faithful performance of each day's duties, whether of a public or private nature, inspiration and encouragement for the labors of the succeeding day and while rather retiring in disposition both Mr. and Mrs. Paul are recognized as possessing many sterling traits of character.

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#### G. M. HUMPHREY.

G. M. Humphrey was widely known as the proprietor of the Shoreham Hotel in Carthage. He was born in Burton, Adams county, this state, March 30, 1850, his parents being William and Frances (Richards) Humphrey. His paternal great-grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812, while his uncle, Abner Humphrey, was a soldier of the Civil war. William Humphrey, the father, was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and the mother's birth also occurred in the Old Dominion. He devoted his time and energies to farming and was only about eleven years of age when he came to Illinois. His political support was given to the democracy and during and after the war he served as sheriff of Adams county. He was drafted for service with the Union army but hired a substitute, to whom he paid one thousand dollars. He acted as constable and was also a member of the school board in his home locality and in local affairs took an active and helpful interest. His first wife died when

about fifty-one years of age and three years later Mr. Humphrey married Cydrilla Childers. By the first union there were two children: M. E., now the widow of Tom Spense, of Chicago; and G. M., deceased, of this review. Five children were born of the second marriage and are yet living, namely: Thomas, who resides in Macomb, Illinois; Alice, the wife of George Muhl, of Indiana; James, who is living in the Black Hills; Charles, who resides in Missouri; and Blanche, the wife of William Laramore, of Adams county, Illinois.

G. M. Humphrey was indebted to the public school system of Adams county for the early educational privileges he enjoyed. Later he attended the high school at Quincy and after putting aside his text books remained with his father and grandfather, devoting his time to farming until he had attained the age of eighteen years. He then rented land and followed farming until the last four years, in Adams, McDonough and Hancock counties, becoming a well known agriculturist and meeting with success in his cultivation of the rich land of Illinois.

In 1876, Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Belle Hungate, who was born in McDonough county, this state. Their only child died at the age of two years and Mrs. Humphrey died in 1878, her remains being interred in her native county. On the 23d of January, 1881, Mr. Humphrey wedded Miss Maggie E. Yetter, who was born in Fountain Green township, Hancock county, in 1863, a daughter of Lewis and Martha E. (Wright) Yetter. Her mother was born in Tennessee and was brought to Illinois

when three years of age. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, became a resident of Hancock county at the age of seven years and in manhood followed farming and stock-raising. Both he and his wife died and were buried in this county. He was a Mason and also connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and both he and his wife were devoted Methodists. For forty-two years Mr. Yetter served as class-leader and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school for a long period. He, too, was drafted for service in the war but sent a substitute to the front. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he never aspired to office. In the family were eight children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: C. A. Yetter, a resident farmer of Fountain Green township; T. B., a merchant of the same township; J. B., a wholesale grocer of Galesburg, Illinois; Mrs. Humphrey; Ella F., the wife of William Day, of Fountain Green; Morris H., a resident farmer of Fountain Green; and Susie, the wife of William Fortney, of Missouri. To Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey were born two children, both born in Hancock county: Arda L., who was born January 8, 1882, and is a clerk in the Hotel Shoreham; and Martha F., a student in the Carthage schools.

Mr. Humphrey was always a democrat but without political aspiration. He belonged to the Woodmen and was a worthy representative of the order. In December, 1902, he removed from Fountain Green to Carthage, where he and his wife conducted the Shoreham Hotel on the American plan, having entertainment for sixty guests. Mr. Humphrey

was a wide-awake business man, upright citizen and genial and pleasant gentleman, popular with his guests and the community at large. That he had the support of the public is shown by the fact that every week he was forced to turn away people for lack of room. His wife ably assisted him, doing much of the office work and both put forth every effort in their power to promote the comfort of their guests.

Mr. Humphrey died May 9, 1906, at 1:15 A. M., and his remains were laid to rest in the home cemetery, at Mayorsville, Illinois. He is greatly mourned and missed, not only by his immediate family, but also by his many friends and acquaintances who were accustomed to his genial face and hospitable manner, when guests at the Shoreham Hotel. Mrs. Humphrey and her daughter are still managing the business in a very efficient manner.

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#### SILVANUS E. SIMPSON.

When ambition is satisfied and every ultimate aim accomplished then will labor cease and inactivity become the common law of man, when ambition holds forth its promises industry seeks its reward. Numbered among the energetic, wide-awake agriculturists of Montebello township is Silvanus E. Simpson, who was born upon the farm where he now resides, constituting the southeast quarter of section 8, June 30, 1862. This fact indicates that his parents were early set-



tlers of the county and the name has long been known here. The father, Silvanus E. Simpson, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, January 5, 1823, and accompanied his parents on their removal from the Buckeye state to New York. After a few years, however, they returned to Ohio, where they carried on general agricultural pursuits. There are two surviving sons of the family and a daughter, namely: Elmer, who is living at Applegate Station in California; Volney A., of Los Angeles, California; and Mary, whose home is in San Francisco, California. Silvanus E. Simpson, Sr., however, again leaving his native state went to Galena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and from that place engaged in teaming to Shullsburg, Wisconsin. At the latter place he read law and also taught school, but after a few years returned again to Ohio. In 1853 he started from Cincinnati, Ohio, with provisions and other equipments and boarded a river steamer, thence proceeding down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to St. Joseph, Missouri, where he bought an outfit of cattle and with his brother Elmer and his wife started for California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. They joined a wagon train and were six months upon the way, at the end of which time they located in Placer county, California. Mr. Simpson engaged in mining during the winter months and also worked in the redwood forests. He was also employed in harvest fields, using cradles, as the more modern machinery had not yet come into use. Prior to 1857 he started for Mexico, where he was captured by some Mexicans and held a pris-

oner for sixty days, together with sixty other American citizens. At length they were put on board a United States ship and sent back to San Francisco. In 1857 Mr. Simpson again started for his old home, crossing the isthmus of Panama and then proceeded by steamer to New York, whence he returned across the country to Ohio, continuing a resident of that state until 1860. Once more he started for California, stopping on his way to visit his mother, who lived in Hamilton. He had with him the sum of two thousand dollars and this he invested in the farm upon which his son Silvanus now resides. Giving up the idea of going to California he married and built a house upon his farm and there he lived until the 12th of December, 1871, when his home was destroyed by fire. He afterward built a portion of the present residence and subsequently made other additions. There were few improvements on the farm when it came into his possession, but he worked earnestly and energetically to reclaim the wild land and transform it into richly cultivated fields. There he carried on general farming for many years, living upon the old homestead until his demise, which occurred on the 19th of January, 1904. His wife had departed this life many years previously, her death having occurred September 24, 1886. They had three sons: Silvanus E.; Cassius A., living in Montebello township; and Empire, who lives with the subject of this review.

Silvanus E. Simpson, whose name introduces this record, has always lived upon the home place and before his father's death the land was divided and Mr.

Simpson came into possession of eighty acres of the homestead, while Empire Simpson secured the other eighty acres. About 1888 Silvanus E. Simpson went to South Dakota on a prospecting trip and in October, 1893, he and his father took a trip to Houston, Galveston and other points in Texas. He owns two town lots in Laporte, Texas, and thirty acres of land there. With the exception of these brief periods, however, he has always remained in Montebello township and the old homestead farm has continually been his place of residence. As the years have passed by he has carried on general agricultural pursuits in successful manner and now has a well equipped farm property, from which he annually derives a good income.

On the 25th of October, 1882, occurred the marriage of Mr. Simpson and Miss Martha Frances Self, who was born in Callaway county, Missouri, September 24, 1865, and was educated in the schools of her native state. Her parents were John G. and Mattie J. (Davis) Self, the former a native of Boone county, Missouri, and the latter of Callaway county. Her paternal grandparents were Jenkin and Martha (Black) Self, of Kentucky, and her maternal grandparents were James and Frances (Davis) Davis, who were own cousins and were also natives of Kentucky. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson has been blessed with six children: Ressie E., born June 7, 1885; Elmer B., born January 14, 1889; Everett Ray, born May 12, 1892; Ora L. and Mora B., twins, born March 4, 1895; and William Donald, born December 16, 1904.

Mr. Simpson exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Hamilton and is interested in fraternity and in various matters relating to public progress and general improvement. He has a wide acquaintance in the county where his entire life has been passed and the fact that many of the acquaintances of his youth are still numbered among his warmest friends is an indication that his life has been worthy of all respect.

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#### W. O. SHARP.

W. O. Sharp, editor and owner of the Carthage Gazette, was born November 2, 1854, in Warsaw, Hancock county, Illinois, a son of Thomas C. and Hannah (Hardy) Sharp. He comes of a family to which belonged Governor Sharp of Maryland, and whose old residence, called Sharp's Folly, is still standing near Richmond, Virginia. It was so termed because of the fact that he imported the brick used in its construction from Europe. It is one of the attractive old colonial homes of the south and a noted landmark in the district in which it is located.

W. O. Sharp, following the removal of his parents to Carthage, was educated in the public schools there and in Carthage College and on putting aside his textbooks entered the printing office with his father, where he remained until after his

marriage, completely mastering the printer's trade. In April, 1878, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Georgiana S. Cannon, who was born near Carthage, a daughter of Cornelius and Nancy A. Cannon, who were natives of Illinois and Iowa respectively. Her father, a farmer by occupation, removed to Carthage, where he served at different times as deputy sheriff and sheriff, being elected to the latter position on the democratic ticket. He was also identified with commercial interests in Carthage, being associated with William Dale in the dry-goods business. Later he bought a ranch in Texas with his brother and acted as its manager until his death. His wife has also passed away. In his fraternal relations he was connected with the Odd Fellows and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. In their family were nine children, of whom six are living: Alwilda, the wife of J. W. Dale, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; Georgiana S., now Mrs. Sharp; Rolla, of California; Lena, the wife of W. C. Newton, of Carthage; Robert, who is living with his sister, Mrs. Sharp; and Richard, who resides in Decatur, Illinois.

After his marriage Mr. Sharp was engaged in the conduct of a photograph gallery for ten years, spending six years of that time in Washington, Illinois, while for four years he conducted a studio in Carthage. In 1888 he re-entered the printing business in connection with his father and by the terms of the father's will inherited the Gazette office at his death and has since published the paper. The Gazette was established in 1865 and

is the largest paper in the county. It is issued each Friday and is an enterprising journal, devoted to the dissemination of general and local news. In connection therewith Mr. Sharp also owns and conducts a good job printing office and is making his business a commercial success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have been born two children: Ethel K., who is a graduate of the public schools of Carthage and is at home; and Maud S., the wife of William Helfrich, of New York city, who has charge of the typewriting and stenographic department of a large business college there. Mrs. Helfrich is a graduate in typewriting and stenography of the Gem City Business College of Quincy. The Sharp family residence is situated in the northern part of Carthage on Washington street, where Mr. Sharp has erected a handsome home. In politics he is a republican but without aspiration for office. He and his wife are members of the American Protective League and Mrs. Sharp belongs to the Christian church. By reason of his accommodating disposition and kindly manner he is popular in the city in which almost his entire life has been passed.

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#### LORENZO YOUNG.

Lorenzo Young, a prominent and progressive farmer of Hancock county, owning two hundred and fifteen acres of land in Rock Creek township and a tract of eighty-five acres in Montebello township, is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to this section of the

state. He is a native of Baden, his natal day being August 26, 1832, and a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Bartz) Young, who carried on general agricultural pursuits on a large scale in Germany.

To avoid service in the German army Lorenzo Young emigrated to America at the age of nineteen years, having acquired his education in the schools of his native country during his boyhood and youth. On his arrival in this country he landed in New York and went at once to Buffalo, and from there made his way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and on to Chicago, Illinois, where he spent one month in the employ of a railroad company. From that city he made his way to Cairo, Illinois, and spent a year and a half in the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. He was then taken sick with typhoid fever and was taken to a hospital in St. Louis, where he was forced to remain for three months, and on his recovery he made his way again to Chicago in the hope of recuperating his health. After a time he secured employment in a lumber yard at that place, where he spent a time and then made his way to McLean county, where he was employed as a farm hand for three years. During this time he had saved some money which he invested in land, having at different times purchased three eighty-acre tracts. In that county he fed cattle and received an eighty-acre tract in payment for his services. However, he had watched with keen interest the condition of affairs in his adopted country and when the Civil war broke out, his patriotic spirit being aroused, he offered his services to the government, enlisting at Lincoln, Illi-

nois, in the summer of 1862, joining Company C, One Hundred and Six of the Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. At the battle of Yazoo river, Arkansas, he was wounded by a shell in the forehead which incapacitated him for a few days, but aside from this he was always on active duty, returning home with a most creditable military record.

When his services were no longer needed by the government he at once made his way to Logan county, Illinois, and disposed of his land, and made his way to Kansas, where he spent six months traveling over the state recuperating from his army service. He then made his way to Ferris, this state, where he rented a farm. He later bought a tract of wild prairie on section 36, Sonora township, which comprised one hundred and sixty acres. He at once set to work to develop and cultivate his land and also built thereon a house, which in that day was considered a very good one. From time to time as his financial resources increased he added to his landed possessions, becoming the possessor of land in Rock Creek township, so that he has altogether two hundred and fifteen acres of land there besides a tract of eighty-five acres in Montebello township. He has improved his home place, erecting the buildings which are here found, and has set out an orchard containing apple, peach and plum trees, and he also raises grapes and small fruits of various kinds. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, fine grades of horses, cattle and hogs being seen in his pastures.

On the 18th of June, 1868, Mr. Young

was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Yung, the wedding ceremony being performed at Carthage. She was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 16, 1846, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Keefer) Yung, likewise natives of the fatherland. Her paternal grandfather bore the name of Jacob Yung, while the maternal grandfather was Peter Keefer. Mrs. Young's father died in Germany in the summer of 1870. The daughter had come to America in 1866 in company with her brother Jacob. After landing in New York they at once made their way by rail to Keokuk, Iowa, where Mrs. Young had a sister, Eva, the wife of Adam Trautvetter, with whom she lived until the time of her marriage. After the father's death the mother likewise came to America, bringing with her a daughter, Charlotte, the year of their arrival being 1881. They also went to live with Mrs. Trautvetter, and Mrs. Yung there passed away in June, 1892.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born four daughters and two sons: Elizabeth, born January 28, 1870; Louis, born April 19, 1872; and Carrie, born November 1, 1874, all are at home. Mary, who was born February 28, 1876, is now the wife of B. M. Bolton, and resides in Sonora township. Lena, born October 12, 1877, is the wife of Millard Shenk, also living in Sonora township. George, born November 27, 1879, resides in Rock Creek township.

Mr. Young is a republican in his political allegiance but has never been active in the local ranks of his party, for he finds that his private interests demand his entire attention. He has worked

earnestly and persistently and as the years have gone by has accumulated a comfortable competence so that he is today numbered among the well-to-do farmers of this section of the state.

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#### GEORGE LEVI RICHARDSON.

George Levi Richardson, who has been called from this life, was born in Maryland, January 29, 1815, and during his infancy was taken by his parents, Jeremiah and Susan Richardson, to West Virginia, where he attended the subscription schools. He lost his father during his early youth, but continued to work with his mother on the home farm until he had attained his majority. Starting out in life on his own account, he chose the occupation to which he had been reared as a source of livelihood and bought a farm in West Virginia, which he continued to cultivate and improve until the spring of 1869. He then sold out and came to Hancock county. Here he made investment in a farm two miles north of Elvaston in Prairie township, comprising eighty acres. It came into his possession in 1873 and was somewhat improved at the time. He resided thereon for about six years, when he sold that place and for two years thereafter operated a rented farm and also gave his attention to teaming and other business interests. In 1881 he bought twenty-one acres of land in the Oakwood addition to Hamilton, upon which a house was standing. There he afterward engaged in the cultivation of fruit and vegetables and

also followed teaming to some extent and his business interests brought to him a good living.

In the year 1840 Mr. Richardson was married to a lady who had been born in West Virginia, and they became the parents of eight children, five daughters and three sons. Two of the sons are now in Kansas and one in Ferris, Illinois, while one daughter is in Oklahoma and another in Iowa. The wife and mother passed away in Hancock county in the fall of 1869 and on the 28th of December, 1871. Mr. Richardson was again married, his second union being with Miss Susan Knapp, who was born in Chautauqua county, New York, January 14, 1835, a daughter of Moses and Susan (Morse) Knapp, both of whom were natives of the Empire state, where also lived her maternal grandfather, Charles Morse. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson became the parents of two daughters. Laura Belle, born June 28, 1873, died August 18, 1874. Martha Alice, born September 10, 1876, is the wife of William Smith, a merchant and postmaster at Middle Creek, this county. They have three children, Lowell, Ruby, and an infant daughter.

Mr. Richardson carried on his business interests in Hamilton up to the time of his death, which occurred February 8, 1902, when he was about eighty-seven years of age. He was buried in Oakwood cemetery and thus was laid to rest a man whom to know had been to respect and honor because of his fidelity to the principles which guided his life. His political allegiance was given to the democracy until the period of the Civil war, after which he became a stalwart republican. He

was for almost a third of a century a resident of Hancock county and had become widely known as an active and enterprising business man and one who was thoroughly reliable in all of his dealings.

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#### CHARLES PORTH.

A well developed farm property, equipped with all modern conveniences and accessories, is the property of Charles Porth, and lies on section 22, Appanoose township. The owner was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, March 23, 1851, and acquired a district school education while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Fred and Dorothy (Herman) Porth, the former a native of Hesse Darmstadt, and the latter of Nassau, Germany. The parents made their way to St. Louis, Missouri, via New Orleans, becoming acquainted on board the ship on which they sailed to the new world. They were married in St. Clair county, Missouri, where they engaged in farming until 1854, when they came to Sonora township, living upon a rented farm for some time. The father afterward purchased sixty acres on section 28, Appanoose township, and a few years later he sold and bought eighty acres on section 34, which was improved land. In 1876 he erected a two-story frame residence, which he occupied until 1893, when he sold that property and made his home with his sons, Charles and Fred. He died at the home of the latter December 3, 1894. His widow still sur-

vives and is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Clug, in St. Louis, Missouri. In the family were eleven children: Elizabeth, the wife of Julius Grunow, of Dallas, Oregon; George, of Hamilton, Illinois; Louisa, who became the wife of John Schroeder, and died in June, 1898; Margaret, who was the wife of John Bertschi, and died in February, 1902; Mary, the wife of John Clug, of St. Louis; Helen, who was the wife of William Rohkar, and died September 26, 1904; Fred, of Appanoose township; Mrs. Armina Simmons, of Los Angeles, California; Carrie, the wife of Humbolt Hoffmeister, of Los Angeles; and William, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Porth made his home with his parents until his marriage on the 28th of February, 1878, to Miss Anna Desney, a daughter of William and Barbara (Wyman) Desney, who were natives of Germany, and the latter was a daughter of Peter Wyman. William Desney came with his parents to Nauvoo, Illinois, when the Mormons were there and his wife accompanied her parents on their removal to Hancock county. They were married in Nauvoo and took up their abode there, Mr. Desney carrying on business as a brick and stone mason and well digger. He died in Nauvoo and his wife still lives there, being now the wife of Philip Weisner. Mr. Weisner's first wife was Catherine Gittelman, a second cousin of Mrs. Porth, and their children were Fred, Mary and Annie. Unto the parents of Mrs. Porth were born the following named: Herman, a resident of Lee county, Iowa; Annie, the wife of our subject; Christina, the wife of Andrew

Cooper, of Strout, Oklahoma; William, of Wahoo, Nebraska; Peter, who died at the age of three and a half years; John, a resident farmer of Sonora township; Louisa, who was the wife of John Snider, of Wahoo, Nebraska, and died there in 1891, leaving a baby boy; and Katie, the wife of John Bernhardt, of Nauvoo.

After his marriage Charles Porth removed to a farm of forty acres, which he owned on section 34, Appanoose township. He had purchased this from John Cheese and after occupying it for seven years he sold to Arnold Soland. He then bought one hundred acres on section 22 of the same township, all under cultivation, while upon the place was an old frame house which had been built by the Mormons. He occupied it for five years, and in the spring of 1891 built a two-story frame residence, to which he has since made an addition. He also built a good barn in 1891 and made an addition thereto in 1898. He likewise has a tool house and corn crib upon the place with a large platform scale of eight tons capacity. Ample shelter is provided for grain and stock, and the farm is one of the best located in the township. Mr. Porth cultivates the cereals best adapted to the climatic conditions which are here found and he also raises Chester White hogs, keeping about forty head per year.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Porth has been born one son, William Fred, born January 6, 1879. He married Ida Radel on October 25, 1906. She was born in Sonora township, Hancock county. In his religious faith Mr. Porth is a Presbyterian and in the work of the church takes an active and helpful part, serving as trustee since

the spring of 1906. He was reared, however, in the faith of the Lutheran church. His political support is given to the democracy. His life has been a busy, active and useful one and his efforts have largely been concentrated upon his business interests. In 1905, however, he had the pleasure of an extended trip to the Pacific coast, visiting on the way Denver and many points of scenic interest in the Rocky mountains. They stopped at Rifle, Colorado, and traveled by stage to Meacher, that state, passed through Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah, and on to the Dalles on the Columbia river in Oregon. They passed through the fine pine woods of Washington and afterward attended the exposition at Portland, likewise visited Tacoma, Washington, and from Seattle went to San Francisco, California, and on to Los Angeles. The return trip embraced a visit to the Grand Canon of the Colorado. All this was well described by Mr. Porth in a letter to his home paper, and many years will have come and gone before the scenes which he saw will have faded from the memory of Mr. Porth.

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#### JOSEPH DORSEY.

Joseph Dorsey, a merchant living in Carthage, Illinois, was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, January 31, 1828, his parents being William and Rebecca (Gorsuch) Dorsey. The father was born in Virginia in 1803 and the mother in Mary-

land in 1805. Removing from the south to Ohio they there resided until 1857, when they became residents of Adams county, Illinois, settling on a farm. William Dorsey spent the last few years of his life in the home of his son, Joseph, who was then a resident of Denver, Hancock county, Illinois, and there the father died in January, 1876. In politics he was a democrat and he was one of the early Masons of Ohio. His first wife had died in Ohio and was buried in Shannon, that state. The father married again and his second wife, who was an estimable woman, held membership in the Baptist church. Mrs. Rebecca Dorsey had passed away October 30, 1831, leaving two children, but our subject is the only one now living. The father afterward married Eliza Cooksey, of Ohio, and she died at the home of our subject in October, 1875. By this marriage there were six children, of whom two are now living: Orin, a resident of Minnesota; and Celesta E., the wife of Green Fisher, who is living in Basco, Illinois.

Joseph Dorsey acquired his early education in the district schools of Ohio and in an academy of that state. He remained with his father until after he had attained his majority and in his early manhood he assisted in the labors of the home farm during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he engaged in teaching. His time was thus occupied for four years in Ohio and afterward for seven years in Illinois. In 1864 he opened a dry-goods store in Woodville, this state, and in 1869 removed to Denver, Illinois, where he continued in the same line of business, also serving as post-



master there for four years. He was justice of the peace in Woodville, Illinois, for eight years and for two years in Denver, Illinois, and was also notary public for eight years, thus being closely identified with the public interests of the towns as well as with the commercial activity. In October, 1879, he left Denver and removed to Augusta, Hancock county, where he opened a store which he successfully conducted for about twelve years or more, when he sold out and came to Carthage. Here he has since lived retired in the enjoyment of a rest which has been well earned and is richly deserved.

In September, 1860, Mr. Dorsey was married to Miss Eveline Lovitt, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, April 19, 1838, a daughter of Daniel and Deborah (Burch) Lovitt, who were natives of the Buckeye state. Her father was a farmer and came to Illinois in 1869, settling in Hancock county. Both he and his wife died in Augusta and their remains were interred in the cemetery there. They were people of the highest respectability and held membership in the Christian church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lovitt were born seven children. Elizabeth is the widow of David Waters and resides in Kansas. Eveline became Mrs. Dorsey. Rezin Lovitt is living in California. Maria J. is the widow of John Beal and resides in Beatrice, Nebraska. Andrew is living in Crab Orchard, Nebraska and the others have passed away. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey were born six children, of whom two are now living, three having been born in Adams county and three in Hancock county. These are: Jennie,

Ella, Bertha and Myrta, twins, all of whom are now deceased; Cora, the wife of John A. McGuire, of Hiawatha, Kansas, by whom she has two children, J. D. and Evelyn McGuire; and Pearl, the wife of Edward Hotch, proprietor of a book store in Carthage. They live with her father and have one child, Helen Hotch, now four years of age. In 1904, Mr. Dorsey was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 30th of April of that year at the age of sixty-six and was laid to rest in Carthage cemetery. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Christian church, doing all in her power to advance the church work and was a most kind-hearted woman, a good neighbor and a loving wife and devoted mother. For some years prior to her demise, however, she suffered from nervous prostration but died after a very brief complicated illness. She was a lady of fine personality, of good intellectual force and kindly spirit and her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her. Mr. Dorsey is a devoted member of the Christian church, in which he has been an elder for twenty-five years and also a teacher in the Sunday-school. He is now the senior elder of the church and he makes his religion a part of his every day life, not a garment to be assumed on Sunday alone. His entire career has been actuated by high and honorable principles and by close adherence to the Golden Rule. In 1904 he built his handsome residence on Wabash avenue, which was planned by Mrs. Dorsey. In his political affiliation Mr. Dorsey is a prohibitionist and the cause of temperance finds in him a warm friend and at all times he

is ready to assist in every movement or measure that tends to uplift humanity or ameliorate the hard conditions of life. He started out on his own account, working at eleven dollars per month and may well be termed a self-made man, his success being due in large measure to his earnest labors. For years he was an enterprising merchant of the county and now he is living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, having passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey.

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#### WILLIAM LINNIUS HEBERER.

William Linnius Heberer is the owner of a splendidly improved farm property whereon he has resided since the spring of 1903. None of the accessories of a model farm are there lacking and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision and good management. Born in Sonora township, on the 28th of July, 1878, Mr. Heberer comes of German lineage, his paternal grandfather being John Andrew Heberer, a native of Germany. His son, Charles F. Heberer, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, and when only nine years of age lost his mother. Following her death the father, Adam Heberer, was married to Elvira Bennett, and they resided in Sonora township until his demise, which occurred in the early part of March, 1892.

Charles F. Heberer was reared under the paternal roof, remaining at home until his marriage, which was celebrated in

May, 1875, Miss Margaretta Bucher becoming his wife. She was born in Pennsylvania, and was a daughter of David and Catherine (Bennett) Bucher. Following his marriage he purchased a farm in Sonora township, comprising a little more than one hundred and eight acres, and there he carried on general agricultural pursuits until the spring of 1901, when he sold that property and removed to Lee county, Iowa, becoming the owner of a farm of three hundred and ninety acres. There he has successfully engaged in business as a stockman, feeding hogs and cattle. In his family were five sons: John Albert, also living in Lee county; William, of this review; Thomas Charles, Walter Martin and Clarence Howard, all residents of Lee county.

William L. Heberer when a youth of six years began attending the Pleasant Hill district school and he remained under the parental roof until his marriage. The work of the fields early became familiar to him, as he assisted in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting. On the 1st of January, 1900, he took a companion and helpmate for life's journey, being married to Miss Hattie Belle Briley, who was born in Appanoose township, June 24, 1879, a daughter of William and Matilda Briley. Her father was born in Maryland in 1826, and was a son of Peter and Mary (Rollins) Briley. The mother, also a native of Maryland, was born in 1834, and was a daughter of David Uhler. Both Mr. and Mrs. Briley are now deceased, the former having passed away in December, 1899, and the latter in May, 1902. He was one of the earliest settlers of this locality to take

part in the Mormon war whereby that religious sect was expelled from the county, and participated in other events which have become of historic importance and mark the growth and development of the county. He had two sisters: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Tull, who after the death of her first husband became the wife of Bayard Layton, of Dallas, Illinois; and Mary, who was the wife of George Yetter, a farmer living two miles east of Carthage. Her death occurred in February, 1905. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William Briley were thirteen children: James; Margaret, the wife of Daniel Jordan; Henry, who died at the age of forty-three years; Geoge W., William F.; Peter R., who died in infancy; David Uhler; Albert Alden; Bessie M., the wife of Albert Bertschi; Mary M., the wife of Talcott Howard; Louis R.; Hattie B., now Mrs. Heberer; and Laveta A., who is a nurse in Marietta Phelps Hospital at Macomb, Illinois.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Heberer lived for a year upon his father's farm in Sonora township, after which he operated his father-in-law's farm in Appanoose township from the 1st of March until July. He then removed to Iowa, where he continued with his father until the following spring, and subsequently he operated rented land in Iowa for a year. In the spring of 1903 he bought the home place from his wife's parents, comprising eighty acres on the southeast quarter of section 21, Appanoose township. He has since placed many rods of wire fencing on the farm and he keeps everything in a state of first class repair. In addition to cultivating the cereals best

adapted to soil and climate he likewise raises cattle and also feeds Duroc Jersey hogs and engages to some extent in the poultry business. He is a wide-awake and progressive business man whose labors have been the basis upon which he has builded his success. Unto him and his wife have been born no children but they have reared his brother-in-law's daughter, Gladys Marie Briley. Mr Heberer is a democrat in his political views but without aspiration for office, preferring to give his time and energies to his business affairs which are well managed.

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#### JOHN NELSON HURDLE.

John Nelson Hurdle, deceased, was for many years one of the highly respected citizens of La Harpe township, Hancock county, where he owned and conducted valuable farming property. He was a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, his birth having occurred February 15, 1831. His paternal grandfather was John Hurdle, and his parents were William and Mary (Kinney) Hurdle, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state, where the father always engaged in farming pursuits.

John Nelson Hurdle was reared to farm life in his native state, assisting his father in the work of the fields, and in the common schools acquired his education. He remained with his father until his marriage, and subsequent to that time, hoping to enjoy better opportunities in

the new and undeveloped districts of Illinois, made his way in the spring of 1854 to Henderson county, traveling with a team and wagon. He made his way to the western portion of the county, where he had previously purchased a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixty acres. There he made his home for a few years and then disposing of that property, made his way to La Harpe township, Hancock county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land lying on section 5 and a tract of one hundred and sixty acres lying on section 8. There were no fences upon the place and the only buildings consisted of an old house and a stable. Mr. Hurdle with characteristic energy at once set to work to further improve his place by building fences, sheds and other outbuildings, and soon placed his land under a high state of cultivation and planted his crops, which in due course of time yielded him abundant harvests. Thus, adding to his financial income as the years passed by, he was enabled to increase his landed possessions, by adding a tract of two hundred and forty acres also situated on section 8 and a tract of timber land constituting forty acres. In addition to this he invested his capital in a half section of land located in Durham township, near Disco, this county. In 1873 he also replaced his original home by a ten-room house, this being one of the fine homes of his section of the state. In addition to his general farming interests he also engaged extensively in the raising of stock, fine grades of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs being seen in his pastures. He was ever practical and systematic in his work

and in all that he did he was successful, so that at his death he left to his family a valuable estate.

Mr. Hurdle was twice married. On the 15th of December, 1853, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary M. Wolf, who was likewise a native of Muskingum county, Ohio. Her birth occurred June 2, 1830, and she was reared in her parents' home near Zanesville, that state. By this marriage there were two daughters and a son but the daughters are both now deceased. Laura Jane, born August 7, 1855, died on the 23d of November following. Edgar Fremont, born July 13, 1856, is a resident of Hartville, Wyoming. Emma F., born August 18, 1858, became the wife of John A. Goodin, of Eaton, Colorado, where her death occurred. The mother of these children died in La Harpe township on the 9th of August, 1860, at the early age of thirty years, and Mr. Hurdle was again married, his second union being with Elmira Ann Barr, who was born June 2, 1836, in Breckenridge, Kentucky, and there pursued a common school education. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hurdle were Adam and Mary (Claycomb) Barr, natives of Maryland, while the maternal grandfather was Jerry Boam Beauchamp. It was his daughter, Sallie A., who became the wife of Elias Barr, the father of Mrs. Hurdle. Previous to their marriage the parents had removed from the south to Hancock county, and it was here that their marriage occurred. The father bought land in 1859 in Dallas township and here the family home was established. The death of our subject occurred October 28, 1887,

when he had reached the age of fifty-six years.

By the marriage of John Nelson and Elmira Hurdle there were born five daughters and three sons, but one daughter has passed away. The family record is as follows: Lulu B., who was born March 19, 1862, is now the wife of Dr. T. W. Bath, of Bloomington, Illinois. Sarah Olive, born July 19, 1863, is the wife of Luther James and they make their home in La Harpe township. Maggie C., who was born October 2, 1865, is now the wife of C. D. Rice, of Disco, Hancock county. Carrie E., born June 14, 1868, died July 16, 1888, at the age of twenty years. William E., who was born January 24, 1870, makes his home in Fort Collins, Colorado. Dora K., born February 20, 1872, is the wife of W. E. Miller, who resides in Durham township near Disco. H. Al., born March 5, 1876, is at home with his mother. John F., who was born November 21, 1877, resides at Colusa, Illinois.

Mr. Hurdle was a republican in his political affiliation, and held membership with the Methodist Protestant church at Morris Chapel, having filled all of the offices in that organization. He was always deeply interested in the work of the church and the moral development of the community, and at the time of the erection of the church edifice contributed one thousand dollars and was always one of its most generous supporters. In his family he was a devoted husband and father, was loyal in citizenship and faithful to the ties of friendship, so that his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret when he was called from this life.

for his labors had been of great benefit to his community and through his honorable methods and straightforward dealing in all relations with his fellowmen he had gained numerous and lasting friends. His widow still resides on the farm, in the management of which she is assisted by her son Al, and by her many good traits of heart and mind she has won the good will and confidence of all with whom she is brought in contact.

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#### EDWIN WRIGHT HOSFORD.

Edwin Wright Hosford, born in Wythe township, May 26, 1857, is among those citizens who indicate the attractiveness of Hancock county as a place of residence by the fact that they have always continued to reside in this locality in which they were born and in which their boyhood days were passed. In both the paternal and maternal lines he comes of Scotch lineage. His paternal grandparents were Truman and Elizabeth Hosford, natives of Scotland, and in the land of hills and heather his maternal grandparents, William and Annie (Wilson) Wright, were also born. Having emigrated to America, Harlow Hosford, the son of the former couple, was born in Ohio, and Mary Wright, the daughter of the latter couple, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States when sixteen years of age. Harlow Hosford came to Hancock county, Illinois, with his parents in 1835, the family being one of the

earliest to locate in this section of the state, for in that year Warsaw contained but one house and it was a log cabin. He was born in 1824 and was therefore a youth of eleven years at the time of his arrival. He shared with the family in the usual experiences and hardships incident to pioneer life and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a farm from the timber. The grandfather continued the work of improving his place until 1849, when attracted by the discovery of gold in California he started for that state with two yoke of oxen and while engaged in searching for the precious metal on the Pacific coast he was murdered there by his partner. In the following year Harlow Hosford married Miss Wright and settled in Wilcox township upon his father's old farm, where he lived for two years. Subsequently he removed to Wythe township and on selling his second place he bought eighty acres about two miles south of Hamilton, residing thereon until 1868, when he once more sold out and came to Montebello township, investing in one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 10. This was unimproved, but the resolute spirit and indefatigable energy of Mr. Hosford enabled him to soon transform the wild tract into richly cultivated fields. At the time of his purchase there was a small house upon it with a stable at one end. He fenced the land, placed the fields under the plow, added modern equipments and in due course of time extended the boundaries of his property by the additional purchase of two hundred and seventy acres, one-half of which was under

cultivation. He was widely known as an enterprising farmer and stock raiser and for many years successfully continued in business, gaining thereby a very gratifying competence which enabled him in his later years to live retired from business cares. In 1890 he and his wife removed to Hamilton, where Mrs. Hosford passed away in April, 1895, while the death of Mr. Hosford occurred on the 16th of January, 1897.

Edwin W. Hosford was the fourth in a family of three sons and three daughters, all of whom are yet living. He has a brother now residing in Urbana, Illinois, while one sister, Mrs. Fleck, is living in Sterling, this state, and another sister, Mrs. Hanson, in Taylor county, Iowa. The others are all residents of Hancock county. Edwin Hosford spent his boyhood days from the age of ten years upon the farm which is yet his home. He attended the district schools and supplemented his preliminary knowledge by two years' study in Carthage College. He has always kept well informed on current questions and the issues of the day through reading and investigation and is a well informed man.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Hosford chose Miss Mary Leith Morris, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and who became his wife on the 21st of June, 1892. The children of this marriage are: Edwin L., born October 12, 1893; Daisy Olive, born September 22, 1895; Harlow Newton, March 22, 1898; Charles Truman, January 16, 1901; and Floyd Morris, March 19, 1904.

Following his marriage Mr. Hosford rented the old home farm, which he con-

tinued thus to operate until his father's death, when he inherited the property. He now owns three hundred and twenty acres of land which is very rich and productive, the alluvial soil responding readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, his work being crowned with golden harvests. He also raises stock, including cattle, hogs and horses, and this adds materially to his yearly income. He votes with the Republican party and has twice served by appointment as road commissioner, while at the present writing he is a school director. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Hamilton and is a resident of wide acquaintance in Hancock county, where his entire life has been passed. His labors have been followed with the utmost regard to a high standard of business ethics and he has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of his fellowmen in any trade transaction.

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#### FRED A. WILKINSON.

Fred A. Wilkinson, who throughout his entire business life, has been a representative of printing interest and is now half owner of *The Quill*, published in La Harpe, his native city, was born October 15, 1862, and acquired a public school education while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, John and Jane (Nance) Wilkinson. His paternal grandfather was John Wilkin-

son, Jr., was born in Philadelphia, January 16, 1806, and after reaching years of maturity married Jane Nance, who was born in New Albany, Indiana, in 1825. In the year 1837, John Wilkinson arrived in La Harpe township and located on one hundred and sixty acres of land about a mile and a half west of La Harpe, where he engaged in farming and also operated a sawmill. After several years he took up his abode in the town, where he built a residence and engaged in general merchandising, continuing actively in the business until 1883, when he retired, enjoying through his remaining days the comforts of life earned by earlier toil. He died in 1893.

Fred A. Wilkinson, the ninth in order of birth in a family of fourteen children, of whom six are still living, after finishing his education, entered a printing office in the fall of 1877 and has since been connected with that line of business, owning at the present time a half interest in the *Quill*, a weekly paper published at La Harpe.

On the 29th of November, 1888, Mr. Wilkinson was united in marriage to Miss Emma Walter, who was born in Indiana, July 30, 1860, a daughter of William and Sallie B. (Sweazy) Walter, natives of Kentucky, who removed to Blandinsville, Illinois, during the early girlhood of their daughter Emma. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson: Maud E., born February 2, 1890, and Ruth E., October 29, 1891. The family home stands upon a lot, five by ten rods, which was purchased by Mr. Wilkinson's father in 1839, for seventy-five dollars, and which has since been in possession of

the family. Mr. Wilkinson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Bristol lodge, of La Harpe, No. 653, having joined the order in 1888.

He is a staunch democrat and has been alderman of the city for three terms.

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#### WILLIAM ROSENSTENGEL, D. D.

Rev. William Rosenstengel, pastor of the German Lutheran church at Carthage, was born in the village of Asel in the Grand Duchy of Hesse Darmstadt on Christmas day of 1846, his parents being John and Catherine (Best) Rosenstengel, who were likewise natives of Hesse Darmstadt, the father conducting a hotel in Asel. They never came to America, but continued to reside in Germany until called to their final rest.

Rev. Rosenstengel is the only surviving member of their family of five children. He was reared and educated in his native country and came to America on the old-time sailing vessel, *Atler*, which, after a voyage of five weeks, dropped anchor in the harbor of New York in 1867. He at once made his way toward the interior of the country and worked at farm labor in Illinois until 1871, when he entered Carthage College, spending five years as a student there. He afterward matriculated in the Gettysburg (Pennsylvania) Theological Seminary, where he was graduated on the completion of a three years' course and thus having prepared for the active work

of the ministry he entered at once upon the labor connected with this holy calling. His first charge was in Fulton county, Illinois, where he remained for three years. It was during this time that Rev. Rosenstengel was married, in 1881, to Miss Margaret Walter, who was born in Illinois, October 4, 1854, a daughter of George Henry and Catherine (Muhl) Walter, both natives of Germany. Her father was a tradesman in the old country and followed the occupation of farming after coming to Illinois. In the family were ten children, of whom seven are living: Philip, residing in Des Moines county, Iowa; Henry, who lives near Bushnell, Illinois; Catherine, the wife of Philip Rock, residing on the old homestead in Fulton county; Ernest, living in Canton, this state; George, who makes his home near Canton; Mrs. Rosenstengel; and Peter, who resides in Fairview, Illinois. The parents were members of the Lutheran church and for some years the father was in the church council. In his political affiliations Mr. Walter is a democrat.

On leaving his first pastorate in Fulton county Dr. Rosenstengel accepted a church in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and afterward was pastor at Grand Island, Nebraska. From there he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he organized the church and erected the church edifice, and upon his return to the north was called to the First Lutheran church of Beardstown, Illinois, where he also erected a fine church. In 1899 he came to Carthage, where he has since remained as pastor of the German Lutheran church in this city, doing great good among the





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people with whom he labors for character development and spiritual advancement. He is also editor of a German paper known as *Lutherischer Cions Bote*, which in English means *Science Messenger*, a paper of sixteen pages published bi-monthly and devoted to church work. He is untiring in his efforts for the church and the dissemination of the principles of the Christian religion and his labors have been far-reaching and beneficial.

Unto Dr. and Mrs. Rosenstengel have been born four children, all of whom were born in Nebraska, while three are yet living. Marie, a graduate of Carthage College of the class of 1905, is now a successful teacher in Plymouth school in this county. Margaret, a graduate of the high school, attended Carthage College for a year and afterward a business college, where she learned shorthand. She is now a stenographer in the law office of A. W. O'Harra in Carthage. Minnie is now a senior in the high school. August 23, 1906, Dr. and Mrs. Rosenstengel celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, the members of his church being present, and in token of their high esteem presented them with a fine silver tea set.

In his political views Dr. Rosenstengel is a republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He is an honored trustee of Carthage College, having occupied the position for many years, and he is president of the German Worthberg synod. At the late meeting of the Worthberg synod in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois, he was for the sixth time elected president of that body. At the commencement exercises of Carthage Col-

lege in 1905 the board of trustees conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, an honor which was well merited. He is a cultured, intelligent man of scholarly attainments and broad learning and there is in him an abiding charity and kindly sympathy which have made him honored and respected by all. He has done much work in connection with the ministry, performing many burial and marriage ceremonies among his friends of both the German and American people. His wife is a lady of culture and intelligence and of warm heart, who has been of much assistance to her husband in his work. Dr. Rosenstengel has purchased a lot at the corner of Buchanan and First streets near the college and built a fine residence thereon in the spring of 1906. The family home is a happy one and is the center of many delightful social gatherings. That Dr. Rosenstengel is held in highest regard by his parishioners is shown by the fact that his church people in Beardstown presented him with a beautiful gold watch December 15, 1898, upon his departure for Carthage, as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he was held during his stay among them. All who know him learn to love and respect him and recognize the fact that his life is devoted to his work in behalf of the church.

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#### EDWARD HARRISON.

Edward Harrison, whose life has been devoted to general farming and who is

now pleasantly located in Walker township, was born in Burslem, Staffordshire, England, in 1827. His parents, John and Martha (Fitten) Harrison, were likewise natives of that country and in 1842 they came to America as passengers on an old sailing vessel which after sixty days on the voyage dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. Making their way northward they became residents of Walker township, Hancock county, Illinois, and here the father purchased a farm and built a log cabin. He was an industrious, successful agriculturist and aided in the early development of the county along that line. His death occurred in 1864, and his wife passed away in 1856, both being laid to rest in Walker township.

Edward Harrison is the only living member of their family of seven children. He was a youth of about eleven years at the time of the emigration to the new world, and his education was largely acquired in the common schools of Walker township, while during the summer months he aided in the farm work. He remained at home with his parents until thirty-two years of age, and in the meantime became manager of the farm, which he cultivated successfully. He was married in 1858 to Miss Adaline York, who was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, April 25, 1841, a daughter of Larkin A. and Eliza (Bastian) York. Her father was born in the state of New York, June 2, 1814, while his wife was born in Holland, August 18, 1818. He was a farmer and lived for a time in Missouri before coming to Illinois. Following his removal to this state he located in Walker

township, where he and his wife made many warm friends, becoming representative and valued citizens of that community. Mr. York was a member of the Baptist church, while his wife held membership in the Methodist church. They lived here in early pioneer times and were familiar with many of the events that culminated in the Mormon war. In their family were six children, but only two are now living, Mrs. Harrison, and James Monroe York, a resident of Washington county, Idaho. The mother died January 2, 1849, and the father passed away August 11, 1852, being then laid to rest by her side in Walker township.

Following his marriage Mr. Harrison purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres on section 15, Walker township, and his first home there was a log cabin. He has since made all of the improvements upon the property and now has a splendidly developed farm. In 1862 he and his wife made a trip across the plains, going overland to Oregon, which trip required seven months. They lived upon a farm in Willamette valley for a time and greatly enjoyed the journey westward and their sojourn on the coast. They visited many large cities on this trip and returned home by way of New York, being passengers on a large boat, Constitution, to Panama. They were accompanied on the trip by their two eldest children. On again reaching Hancock county Mr. Harrison resumed farming here and has since given his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He now has a well improved farm property and derives therefrom a good income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Harrison has

been born a most interesting family of six daughters: Flora M., born in 1859, and educated in Hamilton, is the wife of Augustus Davis, of Los Angeles, California, and has one son, Loy A. Smith, twenty-three years of age, who married Anna Schultz and lives in Los Angeles. Sophia Adaleine, born in 1862, is the wife of Harry York, of St. Alban's township and they have two sons, Gay and Shirley. Eva B., born in 1866, was educated in Warsaw, afterward engaged in teaching school, and is now the wife of B. F. Clark, a resident of St. Alban's township, by whom she has two sons, Glenn and Carroll. Oral is the wife of Walter Hemmings, of Keokuk, Iowa, and prior to her marriage was a successful teacher. Nora B., born in 1872, and a graduate of Hamilton high school, after which she engaged in teaching school, is now the wife of John Kirkendall, of Keokuk, Iowa, and has two children, Wayne and Fern. Ollie B., born in 1876, was educated in Hamilton and is the wife of Jesse Tracey, of Macomb, Illinois, by whom she had a son, Clyle E., who died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have every reason to be proud of their family of daughters, most of whom have been capable teachers and are now comfortably situated in life in homes of their own. Mrs. Harrison, the daughters and grand-daughters are all eligible to membership in the society of the Daughters of the Revolution, for her paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. She also had two brothers, Jesse and Mart York, who were soldiers of the Civil war, enlisting from Illinois. Mrs. Harrison is a lady of literary tastes, who has been

a broad reader. Both our subject and his wife have traveled to a considerable extent, visiting various parts of the west. At the same time he has lived an active business life and broke much of the land of his farm with ox teams. He has advanced step by step in his business interests and is now comfortably situated in life, having a good farm which returns him a gratifying annual income.

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#### GEN. CHARLES A. GILCHRIST.

General Charles A. Gilchrist, at one time a resident of Carthage, was respected and esteemed in this community and wherever he was known because of his possession of sterling traits of character. His public spirit and his devotion to the general good stood as an unquestioned fact in his life and in the greatest crisis in the country's history his manhood, his loyalty and his valor were so manifest that his military record became an honor to the state which he represented. His life was varied in its activity, honorable in its purpose and far-reaching and beneficial in its effects.

General Gilchrist was born at Saxton's River, Vermont, February 13, 1834, and was but three years of age when, in 1837, his parents removed to Hills Grove, McDonough county, Illinois. In his early boyhood he attended a school taught by Isaac Holton in a log cabin at Hills Grove, which was called the "Seminary" by the people there. In 1849 he contin-

ued his studies in Galesburg, Illinois, and the following year taught a district school in McDonough county. In 1851-52 he attended school in New York city, and in 1853 entered upon his business career in connection with the engineering department of the Northern Cross Railroad, then building from Galesburg to Quincy. In 1855 he was elected and served as surveyor of McDonough county. He then turned his attention to the lumber business in Macomb, Illinois, but that venture proved disastrous financially.

In the meantime General Gilchrist was married, on the 1st of October, 1857, to Miss Lucy Ellen Walker, of McDonough county, a daughter of Joseph Gilmer and Susan Pope (Bell) Walker, the former a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia. The mother was a descendant of Nathaniel Pope, an own cousin of George Washington. Joseph Gilmer Walker was closely and prominently identified with the early history of Illinois and especially of McDonough county, where he resided with his family and practiced law until his death in 1842. Histories of early Illinois associate four names in legal and political prominence in that period: Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, Joseph Gilmer Walker and Cyrus Walker, his brother. His son, Pinckney H. Walker, of Rushville, Illinois, a brother of Mrs. Gilchrist, was judge of the supreme court for many years. Mrs. Gilchrist died in 1898 and was buried near her childhood home at Scottsburg, McDonough county.

Following the outbreak of the Civil war General Gilchrist promptly responded, when, in 1861, the call was made for

troops. The Illinois quota being full he enlisted in the Tenth Missouri Infantry and was elected and commissioned captain of Company A. On the 9th of March, 1862, he took the examination at St. Louis for promotion. Four days prior to this time he studied eighteen hours out of twenty-four the book of tactics and was under examination four consecutive hours. The thoroughness of his methods, his great determination and tenacity were here exemplified. He answered correctly two hundred and forty-four questions out of two hundred and fifty and was complimented upon his examination. He also answered satisfactorily in artillery and fortifications. By special order, No. 23, from the war department he was appointed colonel of the Fiftieth Louisiana Colored Infantry with headquarters near Vicksburg, Mississippi. He lacked but three days of serving five years and was mustered out in 1866 as colonel and breveted brigadier general, commanding the Fiftieth United States Infantry. As a soldier he won credit in every position in which he served. The troops under his command before Vicksburg were stationed for a long time in an unhealthy location in a marshy spot, with no water fit to drink and the most deplorable sanitary conditions, while the shelter afforded was entirely inadequate. The surgeons attached to his regiment were inexperienced eastern political appointees, who soon deserted or were transferred through political pull to more agreeable locations and he was left with but a nurse or two. His men were dying like flies from typhoid and dysentery. An appeal to the commanding general

brought no relief. The adjutant general snubbed him outright. He threatened to bring the matter personally before General Grant. The adjutant threatened to have him arrested for insubordination. Colonel Gilchrist left the adjutant's tent, mounted a mule, rode post haste to General Grant's headquarters. He was refused admission by the guard at the door. He slipped around to the rear of the tent, went in through another opening and found himself in the presence of General Grant, alone. He was covered with mud and his uniform of an indifferent nature. His case was a desperate one and he came to attention before General Grant, saluted and poured out his story. A loud commotion was made at the door and an orderly came in with the information that an officer wished to see him at once. General Grant told him to wait and turning to General Gilchrist said, "What you say is no doubt correct, but we have no surgeons." "General, my men are dying. They are brave men and are holding uncomplainingly the worst place before Vicksburg. I must have surgeons if any are left to guard." "All right," said Grant, "I will send you surgeons. "Can I have two today?" "Yes." "Can I have four" "Yes." "Can I have them in an hour?" "Yes." With a salute, Colonel Gilchrist passed out the front way almost into the arms of the adjutant, who was impatiently waiting to see General Grant about his arrest for insubordination. The surgeons came and later he succeeded in having his regiment moved to higher ground. This incident was typical of his dogged and determined nature under difficulties. Within his breast burned the

fires of patriotism and loyalty and devotion, and he wrote home cheery and optimistic letters of his work and the ultimate outcome of the war.

For a year after the war General Gilchrist remained in the south, but was unsuccessful in his attempt to raise cotton. In 1867 he removed his family to Carthage and here established a lumber business, in which he was successful. The following year he was employed as engineer in charge of the construction of the Carthage & Burlington Railroad, and subsequently built the road to Quincy and also the La Harpe & Burlington branch of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad. Extending his activity into other fields of business, he was chosen president of the Rand Boot and Shoe Company upon its organization in Carthage, and in the interests of the house made various trips over the country. To make time and save expense he often walked from one point to another and the failure of the enterprise was due to no lack of judgment or energy on his part. In 1872 he made the survey for a road to run from Grinnell to Webster City, Iowa, a distance of over one hundred miles, and in 1874 he made surveys and accumulated data for an atlas of Hancock county, that today is regarded as the most accurate in existence. In 1880 and 1881 he was employed on a survey of the route of the Hennepin canal feeder from Sterling to a point near Sheffield at the mouth of Rock river, and walked from Chicago to Rock Island examining the topography of northern Illinois for a feasible live river canal route. He also traveled in the same manner from Chi-

cago to Minneapolis and farther west on an engineering tour, the purport of which he was never informed by his employers.

Going to Dakota to locate some land under the soldier's claim law General Gilchrist found the country in a chaotic condition and speculation rife. He acted as commissioner there and his official duties involved him in the county seat fights and all the troubles incident to the settlement of government land. He surveyed and built the Fort Madison and the Northwestern and the Keokuk and Mount Pleasant roads and as the receiver of the former attended to the business of the road for five years, successfully operating it until the line was sold. He then went to Texas, where he surveyed a line from Lampasas to Llano. During the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago he was employed by the Waukesha Mineral Company in running a pipe line from Waukesha, Wisconsin, into the fair grounds in Chicago. About the same time he became associated with the Bannings in the Florida phosphate beds and went to the south to assume the management in the development of the mines. He introduced the placer method for mining phosphate that has since been adopted in all phosphate mines. Other mines were located that could furnish phosphate more cheaply and the mine in Florida was abandoned by the owners. General Gilchrist then went to New York city, where his remaining days were spent with his children. In his last years he perfected a rail joint and was engaged in its manufacture at the time of his death. He died in New York city, January 22, 1906, and was buried at Scottsburg, McDon-

ough county, Illinois, by the side of his wife. They were the parents of eight children: Joseph G., who is living in Brookfield, Missouri; Mrs. Lansing P. Wood, of New York; Charles, died in infancy; Mrs. Leslie L. Cleveland, of Keene, New Hampshire; Ellen F., died in Florida in 1895; Allen R., who is now city engineer at Montgomery, Alabama; Edward P., an attorney in New York; and Ann M., who is dean of the Woman's Department, University of Tennessee, at Knoxville.

In his life he made the best use of his talents and his opportunities. In his profession he possessed broad, scientific knowledge as well as the practical attainments which are indispensable to the best work. In every relation of life, whether of a business nature or otherwise, he was true to duty and a high standard of conduct. He possessed rare personal bravery and a determined spirit that enabled him to face dangers and hardships unflinchingly and death came to him in his professional career. He was conscientious in the fulfillment of his duty as a man in his relations to his fellowmen and as a citizen in his relations to his locality, his state and his country.

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S. G. McBRIDE.

S. G. McBride is a representative of one of the early families of the county and is numbered among the native sons of Appanoose township, where his birth oc-



curred in 1862. He is now devoting his time and energies to general farming in this township, where two hundred and forty acres of land pay tribute to him, as the reward of his labors and enterprise in the fields. His parents, John and Ann Elizabeth (Shields) McBride, were natives of Ireland and in early life came to America. The father, a farmer by occupation, came to Hancock county at a primitive period in the development of this part of the state and settled first in Appanoose township, where he aided in reclaiming wild land and converting it into valuable farms. When he married Ann Elizabeth Shields his capital consisted of only twenty cents and ere his death he was able to give to each of his sons a quarter section of land, at Wichita, Kansas, except S. G., he being the youngest, received fifty-one acres in Pontoosuc township, so that one can see how he progressed step by step in the business world, adding to his possessions as the result of his industry, frugality and careful investment, until his holdings were extensive and valuable. He raised and sold corn for ten cents per bushel in an early day and used the proceeds to purchase horses and other stock or for farm machinery. His untiring energy was one of the strongest elements in his success and he left behind him not only a valuable property but also an untarnished name and a record well worthy of emulation. About eighteen years ago he removed from his farm to Nauvoo, where he lived retired until his death, which occurred August 17, 1901, when he had reached the age of eighty-four years, seven months and twenty-four days, while his wife died

December 5, 1897, aged seventy-six years, two months and nineteen days. Of their ten children, four are living: Hannah, wife of Daniel Harrington, of Keokuk, Iowa; Ellen, wife of George Burke, of Nauvoo; Anna Belle, wife of Guss Wellner, of Sidney, Nebraska; and S. G., of this review.

The last named remained upon the home farm with his father until twenty-one years of age when his father gave him fifty-one acres of good land on section 22, Pontoosuc township. For three years he boarded while operating his land and then his sister kept house for him for two and a half years. He has added to his original holdings until he now owns two hundred and forty acres of farm land and five acres of timber, the latter in Appanoose township. In 1905 he built a part of his present home, which is a neat residence, and he has also built barns and made many other substantial improvements.

Mr. McBride was married June 12, 1888, to Miss Minnie L. Schaefer, who was born in Appanoose township in 1864, a daughter of Marcus and Martha (Myers) Schaefer, who were natives of Germany and in early life came to the United States. About 1858 or 1860 they settled on a farm in this county and after many years' identification with agricultural interests here, they removed to Nauvoo, where they lived retired. The father died February 16, 1894, at the age of sixty-six years, and the mother August 16, 1904, aged seventy-one years and fourteen days. They had eleven children, seven now living: Mary, the wife of John Weber, of Mercer county, Cali-

fornia; William, a resident of New York; Ann, wife of Christ Hutts, of North Dakota; Henry, of Geneva, Nebraska; Bernard, who resides on the old home farm in Appanoose township; Mrs. McBride, of Colusa, Illinois; and Emma, wife of Phillip Farren, of Henderson county.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. McBride has been blessed with five children, all born in Pontoosuc township: Elmer, born June 19, 1889; Maurice, February 17, 1891; Leo, December 28, 1893; Guy, June 23, 1898; and Joseph, March 4, 1904. The family are pleasantly located on the home farm near Colusa and in addition to tilling the soil Mr. McBride feeds cattle and hogs, shipping five or six carloads of stock to Chicago each year, where he always receives good prices. In politics a democrat, he has held township offices and filled other positions of public trust. He was administrator of his father's estate and recently he and Bernard Shaefer have closed up the Shaefer estate as administrators. He has accumulated a nice property and is classed not only with the men of affluence of his community but also with them whose business methods are straightforward and whose rules of conduct are in harmony with high principles. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic church.

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#### SELAH G. HART.

Selah G. Hart is the owner of an excellent farm in Montebello township and

its splendidly improved condition is attributable entirely to his earnest efforts. A native of New York, he was born at Candor, Tioga county, January 31, 1829, his parents being Samuel and Lois (Gridley) Hart, natives of New York and of Connecticut respectively. His paternal grandparents were Abel and Rachel (Seymour) Hart, the former born in England, and the latter in Pennsylvania. The maternal grandfather, Selah Gridley, was also a native of England, and like Abel Hart, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, aiding valiantly in the cause of independence. Samuel Hart, the father, was a wealthy landowner, having about six hundred acres of land, and in addition to carrying on general agricultural pursuits he conducted a sawmill. He died when his son Selah G. was fourteen years of age, and two years later, Herman Hart, the elder brother of our subject, went to Wisconsin, where he purchased eighty acres of land, covering what is now the central part of Fond du Lac. Later he sold this all out in town lots and he now lives in Michigan, where he purchased a large farm and set it out to fruit. After his brother left home Selah G. Hart remained with his mother until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when, thinking that he would have better business opportunities in the middle west, he made his way to Newark, Kendall county, Illinois, where he arrived in 1853. Soon afterward he rented land there and engaged in farming for two years. On the expiration of that period he came to Hancock county and for seven years operated a rented farm in Montebello township, at the end of which time he

bought forty acres of timber land on section 6. He built a cabin in the midst of the forest and at once began clearing away the trees in order that he might plow the land and convert it into productive fields. He kept adding to this place from time to time as his financial resources permitted until he now owns forty acres on section 6, and fifty-two and a half acres on section 31, Sonora township. He planted extensive orchards of apples, peaches, pears and plums and also set out much small fruit, and in addition to the conduct of his horticultural interests he is now engaged in cultivating about forty-five acres planted to corn. He has put all of the improvements upon the place and after living in a little log cabin for about fifteen years he erected his present frame residence. He has good buildings upon the farm and everything is in keeping with modern ideas of progressive agriculture.

Since coming to the west Mr. Hart has continuously followed farming save for the period of his services in the Civil war. He enlisted in February, 1864, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry, the regiment being assigned to Sherman's division of the Army of the Cumberland. He did guard duty at Nashville, Memphis and Chattanooga, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, September 30, 1865, after which he was mustered out at Memphis. On one occasion while attending the sick he did not receive relief as he should have done and became overheated. This undermined his health and he was able to do little service from June until cold weather.

When the war was over Mr. Hart at once returned to Illinois and joined his family in this county. He had been married in Spencer, Tioga county, New York, November 1, 1851, to Miss Emeline Van Etten, a native of Spencer, in which place she acquired her education in the public schools. Her father was killed while engaged in logging during the infancy of his daughter. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hart were born three children: Albert B., at home; Mary E., the wife of William Peak, of Montebello township; and George H., who is engaged in farming and raising and shipping fruit at Nauvoo.

In his political views Mr. Hart is a stalwart republican and has served as school director for twenty-one years and also acted as road overseer. He attends the Christian church and is an upright, honorable man, whose well-spent life has gained for him the regard and friendship of many with whom he has come in contact.

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#### JOSEPH E. LORD.

Joseph E. Lord, who is now practically living a retired life, making his home upon a farm of seventy-two acres which adjoins Augusta on the west, was born in that village on the corner where now stands the First National Bank, his natal day being the 10th of June, 1842. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth Lord, in whose family were eleven children, all of whom are now de-

ceased. Among the number was one who became a missionary to Natal, South Africa, and sent his children back to this country, where they were educated, being graduates of Oberlin College, Ohio. His parents were Robert B. and Elizabeth (Ireland) Lord. The father was born in Abingdon, Connecticut, where he lived until coming to the west about 1836, making an overland journey. He located in Jacksonville, Illinois, and subsequently removed to Augusta, purchasing a tract of land south of the village in Adams county of one hundred and sixty acres. He bought this from the government and it was wild and unimproved, but with characteristic energy he began its cultivation and improvement and made a good home for himself and family. He remained thereon for only a few years and then went to Quincy, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring October 2, 1875, when he was sixty-five years of age, his remains being interred in a Quincy cemetery. While living in the city he followed the carpenter's trade and was known as a reliable and skilled workman. He held membership in the Presbyterian church and during his residence in Augusta served as one of the deacons and also as choir master and at all times he was deeply and actively interested in the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community in which he made his home. In politics he was a republican but never sought or desired office, although he was a public-spirited man and kept well informed on the current topics and political issues of the day and was an advocate of all that tended to advance the best interests of his

adopted city. His wife was born in England and came to America in her childhood days, her father being Thomas Ireland, who was a paper manufacturer, owning a large paper mill in New York city. After operating this successfully for a number of years the mill was destroyed by fire and with his family he removed to Hancock county, Illinois, settling at Augusta, where he engaged in farming for a considerable period. He afterward took up his abode in Quincy, where he engaged in the dairy business, there making his home until his death, which occurred when he had reached an advanced age. He was a man of honorable principle and high Christian character and for some years served as a deacon in the Presbyterian church in Quincy. His wife, Miss Elizabeth Ireland, was also a native of England and was a lady of more than average culture, education and refinement. Her father, Rev. Lacon Ireland, was a minister of England, and the grandmother of Joseph E. Lord was a descendant of Phillip Henry, a prominent and talented divine of that country. In the family of R. B. and Elizabeth (Ireland) Lord were four children.

Joseph E. Lord, the only one now surviving, was reared in Augusta and acquired his early education in the village schools. He removed with his parents to Quincy, where he continued his studies and after putting aside his text-books he began learning the tinner's trade, which he followed until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1864, in response to his country's need, he joined the boys in blue of Company C, Forty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which reg-

ment he served until the close of hostilities. He participated in a number of important battles and skirmishes and was discharged and mustered out at Mobile, Alabama. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Augusta post, No. 302, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is now chaplain.

When the war was over Mr. Lord returned to Quincy, where he engaged in the manufacture of a patent spring bed, of which he was the inventor. In 1879 he removed his business to Augusta and continued the operation of his factory at this point until it was destroyed by fire. Later he embarked in the hardware trade, conducting a store in Augusta for four years, when he sold out and turned his attention to farming, having a good property of seventy-two acres adjoining the village of Augusta on the west. He is also connected with the business conducted under the firm name of J. E. Lord & Company, manufacturers of Lord's Improved United States Metallic Steel Spring Bed, which was made at Quincy. The business was established in 1867 and has become an important industry of this city in which it is located. Mr. Lord received a medal from the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876 for his bed.

Mr. Lord was married on the 20th of May, 1874, to Miss Anna Augusta Mead, a daughter of Horace and Mary B. (Mead) Mead, both of whom were natives of Greenwich, Connecticut, and there resided until after their marriage, coming to Illinois on their wedding trip. They located in Augusta, where they re-

sided until called to their final rest, their home being the house which is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lord and which was built by Mr. Mead. He was a farmer by occupation and also engaged in the real estate business. He filled the position of justice of the peace for many years, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial, and his death occurred in Augusta at the age of fifty-nine years, while his wife passed away at the very advanced age of ninety-four years, being one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of the county. Both were members of the Presbyterian church and their lives were in harmony with their professions. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mead were born three children: William H., an attorney of Augusta; Silas K., who died at the age of fifteen years; and Mrs. Lord. Five children graced the union of our subject and his wife, all of whom were born in Augusta, namely: Mary E., who died at the age of twenty years; Arthur R., a farmer living in Augusta township, who married Myrta Allen and has three children, Dorothy, Ethel Darlene and Donald; Frederick H., who is operating the home farm, belonging to his father; and William and Augusta, twins, who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Lord has always been an earnest republican and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America, while he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church. These associations indicate something of the character of the man, who has been an advocate of all that tends to benefit humanity and promote the general welfare. His influence

is ever given on the side of right, justice and truth and he stands as a representative of a high type of American manhood and chivalry. He has spent his entire life in this part of the county and his history is an open book which all may read. He is a witness of many changes that have occurred here and in so far as possible has given active co-operation to measures and movements for public progress and improvement.

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#### AMOS DAVIS, JR.

Amos Davis, a prominent and progressive farmer and stock-raiser residing in Appanoose township, was born in this township on section 25, on the 21st of January, 1867, a son of Amos and Mary Jane (Isenberger) Davis, natives of Vermont and Ohio respectively, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Rachel Isenberger. The father on leaving the Green Mountain state located in Nauvoo, Illinois, where he was engaged in merchandising during the time the Mormons lived in this section of the state. He purchased land in Appanoose and Pontoosuc townships and made his home in the former township, being located on section 25. Here he engaged quite extensively in the raising of stock, including horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. He was a very prosperous man and at the time of his death was the owner of fourteen hundred acres of very valuable land. He was three times married. By the first mar-

riage there were two children, of whom one daughter survives, Bell, the wife of Gus Alley, of Fort Madison, Iowa. By the second marriage there were three sons and one daughter, of whom the eldest, Ethan, died several years ago. The surviving members are: George Edmund, of Rock Creek township; Richard, of Appanoose township; and Chloe, the wife of Frank Weber, of Fort Madison, Iowa. By the third marriage there are three sons and a daughter, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being: Jacob Wells, of Coffey county, Kansas; Mary J., the wife of George Ellison, of Prairie township, Hancock county; and Guy, who occupies a part of the old homestead in Appanoose township. The father of these children died March 22, 1872, at the age of fifty-six years, six months and twenty-two days, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery on the home farm. After his death the widow was again married, her second union being with Robert Hulen, and they now reside at Rush Springs, Oklahoma. She has become the mother of four children, Roy, Grace, William and Sherley, all yet under the parental roof.

Amos Davis, whose name introduces this record was reared to farm life and acquired his early education in the district schools near his father's home, which was supplemented by a course of study in the high school at Carthage. He remained at home until twenty years of age, and at that time went to live with his brother George, with whom he remained for two years. He then started out in life on his own account, locating on one hundred and twelve acres of the old family homestead,

which was inherited from his father's estate. Here he has resided continuously since and is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, and also raises a large amount of stock, including Percheron horses, Durham cattle, hogs and Shropshire sheep. He also owns two registered Percheron stallions which he uses for breeding purposes, and he also has two full-blooded Percheron mares.

On the 25th anniversary of his birth Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Rose Schilson, a native of Sonora township, and a daughter of John and Angeline (Laufer) Schilson, natives of Germany, the place of their nativity being Hesse Darmstadt. They were married in that country, and on their emigration to America located on land in Sonora township, Hancock county, but they now make their home in Nauvoo, where the father owns ten acres of land and is engaged in the raising of fruit. In their family are the following named: Angeline, the wife of John Rose, of Connelville, Pennsylvania; George, a resident of Montebello township, near Hamilton; Mrs. Davis; John, of Prairie township; Joseph, of Nauvoo; and Ernest, at home. Pauline, the sixth in order of birth died at the age of twelve years.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born two daughters: Leah, born July 12, 1894, and Ada May, born February 8, 1897. In his political views Mr. Davis is a democrat, and has taken an active interest in the local ranks of his party, having served as assessor four years and as school director from 1902 to 1905. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. During his early

youth Mr. Davis suffered from a severe spell of illness, which rendered him a cripple, although he is active in the pursuits of his farm, giving careful supervision to his farming and stock-raising interests. He inherited a good tract of land from his father's estate and on this are found good improvements, his buildings and fences being kept in an excellent state of repair. He is prospering in his business interests and is today numbered among the alert and enterprising agriculturists of Hancock county, where he has a wide and favorable acquaintance, having spent his entire life here.

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#### JOSEPH M. MILLER.

At the time of the Civil war Illinois sent its full quota of soldiers to the front. They were brave men, who made splendid records upon the battle-fields of the south and among this number was Joseph M. Miller, who now resides upon a farm near Augusta, and who is classed with the honored veterans of the war. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1838, a son of Nathan and Eleanor (Engart) Miller. The family has a most creditable military record. Joseph Miller, the grandfather, was one of the heroes of the Revolution as was Joseph Engart, the maternal grandfather, while Daniel and William, brothers of our subject, were soldiers of the Civil war, the former being in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Illinois Regiment, and the other in the Thirty-

second Illinois Infantry. The father was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1813, and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. In the spring of 1855 he removed to Adams county, Illinois, where he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1876, while his wife, who was born in Pennsylvania, in 1817, died in 1889, and was laid to rest by his side in Adams county. She was a member of the Methodist church, while the father's christian belief was indicated by his identification with the United Brethren church. They had ten children, of whom five are now living: Joseph M.; Daniel, a resident of Colwell county, Missouri; Margaret, the wife of Frank Potter, of Bates county, Missouri; Nancy E., the wife of Edward Maryin, of Tyler, Texas; and Leander J., who resides in Kansas City, Missouri.

Joseph M. Miller was educated in the public schools and assisted his father in the work of the home farm until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life on his own account. In August, 1862, he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting in the Seventy-eighth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He was in Franklin, Tennessee, and Chickamauga, two of the hotly contested battles of the war, and was with Sherman on the march to the sea. He also participated in the grand review in Washington, the culminating event of a war which meant the preservation of the Union and the establishment of the republic on a more solid basis than ever before.

In the fall of 1865, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, who

was born in Kentucky, December 28, 1844. Her grandfather, Samuel Kelly, was a soldier of the war of 1812 and she had one brother who was in the Civil war, together with an uncle, James Allen Seaton, and several cousins, Samuel Lewis being in the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment. Mrs. Miller is a daughter of Joseph and Jane (Seaton) Kelly, who were natives of Kentucky. The latter was born in March, 1827, and is now living in Oklahoma, to which territory she recently removed, having up to that time made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Kelly, who was born in 1816, and was a farmer by occupation, came to Illinois in 1845, settling in Adams county, where he followed farming up to the time of his death, which occurred in November, 1855. Mrs. Kelly is a devoted member of the Christian church. In their family were six children, all of whom are now living: Mrs. Miller; Samuel, of Hancock county; Mrs. Sarah L. Davis, who is living in Rice county, Kansas; Charles H., of Saxmon, Kansas; George W., of Custer, Oklahoma; and Johanna, the wife of Lewis Steinbeck, of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller began their domestic life upon a farm in Adams county, Illinois, where they lived until 1881, when they came to Hancock county. Here Mr. Miller purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 19, Augusta township, on which he has placed many modern improvements. His time and energies have been given to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock, and he also owns eighty acres on section 29, Augusta township, whereon a good residence has been erected. The home of



Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been blessed with eight children, all of whom were born in Adams county with the exception of the youngest two, and six of the number are yet living: Nathan E., the eldest, died when nine months old and was buried in Adams county. Elnora J. is the wife of John T. Robertson, and resides in Chili township, and they have three children, Lola E., Roy M., and Juanita. James P., who married Martha Pierce and lives in Macomb, Illinois, has five children, Ruby I., Alma, May, Nina and Joseph. Lillie Ellen died at the age of three years. Samuel L. married Ethel Davis, by whom he has a son, Joseph L., and follows farming on his father's farm of eighty acres in Augusta township. Vanette Irene is a trained nurse who was graduated in September, 1905, from the Chicago Hahnemann Hospital at Chicago, after three years devoted to study, whereby she became very proficient in her chosen life work. Albert L. and Ernest Sidney are both at home and assist their father in the operation of the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have worked earnestly and harmoniously together in the establishment of a home and the rearing of their family and are now comfortably situated in life. Both are worthy and pleasant people and are much esteemed by all who know them. Mrs. Miller is of a family of which there are four living generations, while twelve years ago there were five generations represented. The four now living are Mrs. Jane Kelly, the mother of Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Elenora Robertson, the daughter of the latter; and Lola Robertson, the granddaughter of Mrs. Miller. In matters of citizen-

ship Mr. Miller has ever been public-spirited and progressive, staunchly supporting the interests and measures which are calculated to prove of benefit to the community, and manifesting the same loyalty which he displayed upon southern battle-fields. In his business career he has made steady advancement and is now holding large landed interests in this county.

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#### MICHAEL BAUMERT, SR.

Michael Baumert, Sr., an honored veteran of the Civil war, engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Nauvoo, is numbered among the worthy residents of Hancock county who claim the fatherland as the place of their nativity. Born in Baden, Germany, October 1, 1833, he is a son of Michael Baumert, while his father also bore the same name. The latter married Magdalena Schutterle, who was also born in Baden and was a daughter of George Schutterle.

Michael Baumert, of this review, acquired his education largely in the common schools of his native country and when eighteen years of age came to America on a sailing vessel, the Arcadia, which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. Two days later he started on a trip up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, Missouri, where he arrived on the 22d of April, 1852. Later he attended night schools in this country. He and his father worked at the stone mason's trade in St. Louis for more than two

years and in June, 1854, the son came to Nauvoo on a steamer and here began business as a mason contractor, building the foundation for the Lutheran church. Believing that the town afforded good business opportunities he sent for his father who came with the family in July and he remained a resident of this place until his death, which occurred in July, 1886, when he was seventy-eight years of age. The mother died at the age of sixty-three years in August, 1868.

Following the removal of the family to Nauvoo Michael Baumert, Sr., whose name introduces this record, lived with his parents until his marriage, which was celebrated on the 15th of March, 1857, Miss Mary Schini becoming his wife. She was born in Alsace, France, a daughter of Michael and Annie (Israel) Schini, who were likewise natives of Alsace, and made the voyage to America in 1854. In the fall of 1854 they, too, became residents of Nauvoo. After his marriage Mr. Baumert rented a home in Nauvoo, which he occupied until 1858, after which he spent a year in his father-in-law's home and then removed to the home of his parents. In 1860 he purchased a lot at the corner of Mulholland and Fifteenth street, on which there was a brick residence and he has since added to it a frame addition. He followed the mason's trade, doing work as a contractor and builder until after the outbreak of the Civil war and he had at that time a family of four children and he felt that his first duty was to provide for their support, so that he could not enter the service until the 22d of March, 1865.

At that date, however, he enlisted in

Chicago as a member of Company G, Twenty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry, which was a part of Mulligan's brigade. The regiment was divided and a portion participated in the battle of Petersburg, Virginia, while Mr. Baumert with his company went to Richmond, Virginia, where they were on detailed service doing guard duty most of the time until mustered out on the 24th of July, 1865. They arrived at Chicago on the 3d of August following, and were there honorably discharged. Company G on the return trip was the only German company in the crowd of soldiers, the remainder being Irish, and these with all of their officers became intoxicated so that Company G had to guard them all and prevent the fights which were continually breaking out. In passing through Pittsburg a fine supper was served to all of the troops by the ladies of that city, who thus provided for the soldiers at all times by day and by night. Mr. Baumert well remembers the return trip, on which all of the veterans had small flags pinned on their coats together with Confederate bills sometimes of one hundred and sometimes of five hundred dollars but which had become worthless currency.

When mustered out of the army Mr. Baumert returned to Nauvoo and was ill until the fall, when he went into the saloon business, which he followed until 1871. He then sold out and again worked at his trade until 1895, when he turned his attention to the real estate business and also became a notary public. He has since dealt in property, negotiating many important realty transfers, and since the fall of 1905 he has conducted an in-

surance business as agent for the Germania Fire, Cyclone and Tornado Insurance Company of New York.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baumert have been born nine children: Charles, who died July 4, 1865, at the age of six months; John F., who died in 1872, at the age of six years; Jacob, who died in 1873, at the age of twenty months; George, who conducts an independent newspaper in Nauvoo; Mary, at home; Julia, the wife of Louis Boquet, of Keokuk, Iowa; Michael, who is connected with the publication of an independent newspaper at Nauvoo; Annie, of Keokuk, Iowa; and Emma, the wife of Alfred Haganer, of Keokuk. Mr. Baumert is well known in Nauvoo, where for many years he has made his home. He has taken an active and prominent part in community affairs and his fellow townsmen recognizing his worth and ability have frequently called him to public office. He served for three years as alderman of the city, for one year as city treasurer and for four years as township school treasurer, while for six years he was township tax collector. In 1890 he was made census enumerator and since that year has also been notary public. All of the duties devolving upon him in that connection have been discharged with promptness and fidelity.

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#### ARTHUR McNEALL.

Arthur McNeall, one of the worthy and prominent residents of Chili town-

ship living in Bowen, has displayed in his business and private life those traits of character which ever command respect, good will and confidence. He was born in Clermont county, Ohio, August 29, 1837, a son of Mathias and Elizabeth (Brown) McNeall. His paternal grandparents were A. and Elizabeth (Boyer) McNeall, the former born in Pennsylvania, and the latter a native of Maryland. The Boyer family is of German lineage, while the McNealls come of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Mathias McNeall was born in Clermont county, Ohio, January 24, 1812, and during the greater part of his life carried on general farming. He also worked at the carpenter's trade when not busy with the duties of the fields. He went to Adams county, Illinois, in 1847, and in 1864, settled in Chili township, Hancock county. He was a democrat in his political views and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He was well posted on current topics and was a public-spirited and progressive citizen. He was also a Methodist preacher and was known as the railroad preacher from the fact that he was railroad agent at Bowen for thirteen years. He married Miss Elizabeth Brown, and they became the parents of seven children: Those living are: Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Dalton, of Missouri; Letitia, the wife of Jesse Palmer, a resident of Minnesota; Matilda, the wife of Milton Rist, of Morgan, Minnesota; Permelia, who is the widow of George Butler and lives at Camp Point, Illinois; and Arthur, of this review. The mother of these children died in Adams county in 1855 and lies buried there.

After her death Mr. McNeall wedded her sister, Letitia Brown, who is also deceased. There were no children by that marriage. Mathias McNeall passed away December 7, 1900, in Bowen, where he was laid to rest. Dr. McNeall, an uncle of our subject, enlisted from Pike county, Illinois, for service in the Civil war. He was senior assistant surgeon of the Ninety-ninth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and died in 1904. In 1864 he was nominated for the legislature from the district comprising Pike and Green counties and was defeated by a very small majority.

In the public schools of Ohio, Arthur McNeall acquired his early education, which was supplemented by study in Adams county. He was married in 1862 to Miss Mary Shepherd, a daughter of Austin and Rebecca Shepherd, who were natives of West Virginia, in which state Mrs. McNeall was born. There was one child by that marriage, Ida Belle, the wife of William T. Gillis, who resides in Bowen, and they have three children, Everett Mack, Ruth Letitia and Leah Gertrude Gillis. Mrs. McNeall died in 1864 and was laid to rest at Columbus, Adams county, Illinois. On the 19th of April, 1866, Mr. McNeall was again married, his second union being with Margaret S. Livingood, who was born in Missouri in 1843, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Taggart) Livingood, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, the former born November 6, 1810, and the latter May 22, 1816. Mr. Livingood was a cabinet-maker and lived in Missouri until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he removed to Hancock county, Illi-

nois. Of the seven children of that marriage four are now living: Martitia Jane, the widow of William Rowe, of Kansas City, Missouri; Sarah Rebecca, the widow of Melvin Davis, of Idaho; Mrs. McNeall; and Rachel E., the wife of Dr. Thomas Whray, of Golden, Illinois. The eldest member of the family, John M. Livingood, died October 1, 1903, and was buried at Cordor, Missouri. The father of Mrs. McNeall passed away November 15, 1902, and the mother's death occurred on the 23d of August of the same year, the remains being interred in Bowen cemetery. They were members of the Congregational church, in which Mr. Livingood served as deacon for many years and they were most worthy christian people, devoted to the upbuilding of the cause with which they were connected.

Mr. McNeall, following his marriage, settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Chili township, owned by his father. In after years, he and his father entered into a partnership, the son managing the farm and the father carrying on business in Bowen. In 1888 he built on the farm a nice home and also erected good barns and made other substantial improvements. He carried on general farm work and stock-raising and in his business affairs has met with a goodly measure of success, for his strong determination and resolute will has enabled him to carry forward to a successful completion, much that he has undertaken. At the dissolution of the partnership, caused by the death of his father, he is the owner of two hundred and five acres of land on section 26, but at this time has retired from active farm work.

His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, although he does not seek or desire office. His wife is a member of the Methodist church. Unto them were born seven children: Oliver, who died at the age of ten months; Fannie Maud, who is the wife of Danby Harrison, of Adams county, and by whom she has three children, Arthur Thomas, Margaret Adeline, and Paul Leonard; Ada May, who died at the age of ten years; Mary S., who is a graduate of Wesley Hospital and Training School for nurses, of Chicago, in the class of 1903, and who is successfully following her profession in that city; Tina P., Eva D., and Grace E., all at home with their parents. The latter is a graduate of Bowen high school and has studied music in Quincy and Chicago, and is now teaching music in Bowen.

Mr. McNeill is recognized as a man of high principles and genuine personal worth and is respected by all who know him. In manner he is quiet and unpretentious, yet kind and warm-hearted and he and his family are greatly esteemed throughout the community in which they live.

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#### JAMES C. COULSON.

James C. Coulson, editor and proprietor of *The La Harper*, is a native son of this city, his birth having here occurred September 24, 1847, where he was educated in the common schools. He

is a son of Dr. George and Nancy Ann (Cossitt) Coulson, the former born in Trumbull county, Ohio, and the latter in Hartford, Connecticut. In 1852 James C. Coulson, in company with his mother and brother George, made a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, returning overland to La Harpe, in 1857, the return journey covering a period of two months. In 1863 he went to Raritan, Henderson county, where he was employed as a clerk in various stores for sixteen years, and for one year he taught school in that locality, after which he returned to his home in La Harpe, and purchased *The La Harper*, the paper having been established in 1874 by L. S. Coggsell and is the oldest paper of the city. When he assumed the editorship the printing was done by an old hand press but in course of time, as his business increased he was enabled to add modern equipments and accessories and in 1886 purchased a steam press. In 1893, however, the city suffered a disastrous fire whereby the main business district was destroyed, including the building in which Mr. Coulson was located. However, he had his paper issued at Bushnell until he could establish himself again in business. He then erected a new building to replace the one which had been destroyed by fire, this being twenty-two by sixty-five feet and two stories in height, and installed a Potter press, which is run by a gasoline engine. He has continued as editor of *The La Harper* to the present time, being assisted in his work by his daughter, Effie M., who has charge of the local department.

Mr. Coulson has been twice married.

He first wedded Miss Anna B. Stansbury, June 25, 1868, at Raritan. She was a native of Urbana, Ohio, having been born November 19, 1848, a daughter of C. H. and Sidney E. (Humes) Stansbury, natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively. She became the mother of a son and daughter: Effie M., who is assisting her father in the management of the paper; and Charles Sidney, who is a teacher in Gettings Seminary, of this city. The mother of these children passed away April 8, 1882, her remains being interred in the cemetery at Raritan. On the 28th of October, 1885, Mr. Coulson was married a second time, this union being with Alice M. Corzatt, the widow of Nelson Corzatt. She is a native of Harrison county, Missouri, born November 15, 1860, a daughter of John Armstrong. Of this marriage there are three children, Margie C., George C. and Edna C., all yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Coulson is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, the United Workmen, Court of Honor of the Odd Fellows society, having belonged to the latter organization since 1873. He has been representative to the Head Camp of the Modern Woodmen ten times. He acted as postmaster at La Harpe under Cleveland's first administration, in which capacity he gave general satisfaction. Mr. Coulson is one of the influential factors of this city, and has a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout Hancock county.

He has been a member of the Illinois Press Association since 1882 and served as first vice-president one term. He is also

a member of the National Editorial Association since 1886, and has attended each year since 1886 except one year when his daughter attended and in 1905 when his son attended.

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#### HENRY STURM.

The German-American element has always been an important one in our citizenship, for the representatives of the Teutonic race have everywhere they have gone readily adapted themselves to changed conditions, and at the same time have brought to bear in business life the spirit of perseverance which is one of the chief characteristics of the fatherland, and which is always a strong and invaluable element in success. Henry Sturm is one of the residents of Appanoose township that the fatherland has furnished to Hancock county. He was born in Alsace, Germany, April 1, 1864, and his parents, Louis and Salma (Wohlhuter) Sturm, were likewise natives of that province. The paternal grandfather was Jacob Sturm, and the maternal grandfather, Henry Wohlhuter. Reared in his native country, Henry Sturm learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Alsace, following that pursuit until sixteen years of age. In 1881, attracted by the broader business opportunities of the new world, he crossed the Atlantic to America and made his way to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, where he worked as a carpenter. He was also employed at

farm labor for three years and thus utilized every means that would bring him an honorable living and enable him to gain a start in life. In 1884 he came to Hancock county, where he again secured employment at farm work, being thus engaged for four years. Desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he rented land in Appanoose township, and thus cultivated a farm for six years, during which time his economy and industry brought him sufficient capital to justify his purchase, in 1892, of one hundred and thirty acres of land on section 36. This had already been cultivated and improved, but he further carried forward the work of development and improvement and all of the buildings upon the place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise, having been erected by him. He built a house of eight rooms and has also put up good barns, corn cribs, wagon sheds and other structures necessary for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery. He has a good orchard and vineyard, and the fields are carefully tilled, bringing him good crops of the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate.

On the 13th of March, 1888, Mr. Sturm was married to Miss Minnie Gnann, who was born in Appanoose township, and is a daughter of Benedict and Ursula (Sutter) Gnann, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm now have three children: Ollie, born October 20, 1888; Elvyn, born January 10, 1891, and Vera, born March 25, 1896. Mr. Sturm belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp at Niota, and he was reared in the

faith of the Lutheran church, to which he has always adhered. In politics he is independent but has no aspiration for office. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America and here through the improvement of business conditions and the utilization of his opportunities he has worked his way upward from a humble financial position until now his property interests class him with the substantial residents of Appanoose township.

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#### LEWIS D. HAIGH.

Lewis D. Haigh, who has followed agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life but is now living in the village of Niota, is a native of the Keystone state, his birth having occurred in Philadelphia, April 23, 1844, a son of John and Sarah (Folkrod) Haigh, of whom more extended mention is made in connection with the sketch of John Haigh on another page of this work. Losing his mother during his infancy, the father was again married, his second union being with Sarah Sheward.

Lewis D. Haigh accompanied his father and step-mother on the removal from the east to Hancock county, Illinois, the family settling on a farm in Appanoose township. He had begun his education in the schools of his native city and attended for only a short period after his arrival in Appanoose township, attending in all only about a year. He has, how-

ever, through reading and investigation added largely to his knowledge so that he is a self-educated man. He remained with his father until the age of seventeen years, when, responding to the country's call for aid during the Civil war, he enlisted on the 17th of February, 1862, as a member of Company D, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, joining the company at Fort Madison, being under command of Generals Grant and Sherman. He was in the skirmish at Corinth, Mississippi, Vicksburg, Rodney, Lick Creek Church, Mississippi, and at Coleman's Plantation and Duck River, Tennessee, the latter place being the last battle in which he participated. He was on picket duty on a gunboat, *Autocrat*, on the Mississippi river near Ashton Landing, Mississippi. During his service he was wounded in the right foot, and was honorably discharged in November, 1865, having spent almost three years in the service of his country, where he proved himself a loyal and faithful soldier.

Upon his return from the war he made his way to the home of his father, where he remained until the spring of 1866, when he started out in life on his own account, being employed for a time at farm labor by the month. He then rented bottom land opposite Fort Madison, where he engaged in farming operations until 1873, when he removed to Montgomery county, Kansas, where he operated rented land for one season and once more returned to Hancock county, where he located on a rented tract of land in Pontoosuc township, which he operated until 1879, and then removed to the sand prairie in Lee county, Iowa, where he

remained for three years, subsequent to which time he again returned to Pontoosuc township and farmed land which he rented until the spring of 1887, when he removed to a farm of sixty-one and a half acres, lying on section 18, Pontoosuc township, which he had purchased in 1886. Here he continued his agricultural pursuits until 1895, when he sold his farm and invested the money in town property in Niota, consisting of two lots, a house containing six rooms, and a story and two-thirds in height, and here he has since continued to make his home to the present time.

On the 17th of April, 1873, Mr. Haigh was united in marriage to Miss Minerva Ballinger, who was born February 8, 1854, in Mifflinville, Franklin county, Ohio, a daughter of Orish and Elizabeth (Canfield) Ballinger, also natives of Franklin county. Her paternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Green) Ballinger, while the maternal grandparents were Henry and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Canfield. Her father on leaving the Buckeye state removed to Nauvoo in 1859, where for two years he followed agricultural pursuits, and then removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he likewise engaged in farming until 1866, when he once more came to Hancock county, renting a farm in Pontoosuc township, and here his death occurred in November, 1896. His wife still survives and now makes her home in the village of Niota. In their family were two sons and four daughters, of whom Mrs. Haigh is the eldest.

In his political allegiance Mr. Haigh is a republican, while for twenty years



he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic at Niota, or until the lodge disbanded in 1904.

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### ALEXANDER BOLTON.

Alexander Bolton, a prominent and progressive farmer of Sonora township, where he owns extensive landed possessions, is a native of Hull, England, having there been born on the 13th of March, 1837, a son of Peter and Mary (Brier) Bolton, also natives of the fatherland, and the former a son of Richard Bolton. The father, hearing favorable reports of the new country and the opportunities here afforded, decided to try his fortune in America, and, accordingly, in 1844, he took passage on a sailing vessel bound for this country. He made his way at once to Canada, locating near Montreal, being accompanied by his son George. The son there remained but his father returned again to England, where he spent a time with his family and once more made his way to America, this time coming to Hancock county, where he purchased ninety-two acres of land, lying on section 19, Sonora township. In 1845 he returned a second time to England, and in the spring of 1847 sent two of his sons, William and Charles, to America, the sons making their way at once to the farm which had been purchased by the father previous to his return to the old country. In the fall of the same year, 1847, the father with the remainder of his family came to the

United States, this time making a permanent location on his farm in Sonora township. This tract had formerly been in possession of the Mormons, and here Mr. Bolton made many improvements, and cultivated his fields, each year harvesting good crops. Here, with the assistance of his sons, he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1865, while his wife survived him for about six years and passed away in 1871. In their family were seven sons and three daughters, of whom five sons yet survive: James, Charles, William and Alexander, all of Sonora township, and Joseph, a resident of Rice county, Kansas.

Alexander Bolton, the seventh in order of birth in his father's family, began his education in England before the removal of the family to Hancock county, and here continued his studies. During the periods of vacation and in the summer months he assisted in the work of the home farm, and remained with his parents to the age of sixteen years, when he started out to make his own way in the business world, being employed for one season by his brother George, with whom he made his home for two years, and then began farming on his own account by renting land until 1859, in which year he made purchase of eighty acres of wild land lying on section 22, Sonora township. Later, in connection with a Mr. Forney, he purchased an additional one hundred and sixty acres, for which they paid fifteen hundred dollars. After fifteen years Mr. Bolton gave his partner sixty dollars for a choice of eighty acres of this tract, and he then continued his farming inter-

ests alone. He improved his land and built a house thereon, containing four rooms, this being erected in the year 1860. He fenced his fields and set out many kinds of fruit trees, having in all about thirty-six different varieties of choice fruit trees on his place, of which two apple trees and one pear tree are still standing. In the fall of 1865, he bought an additional one-hundred-and-sixty-acre tract, adjoining his original purchase, but located on section 26. This was all wild prairie and he at once undertook the task of breaking the sod and planting his crops, which in due course of time brought forth abundant harvests. In 1873, having accumulated considerable capital from his business interests, he was enabled to again make purchase of land, this time coming into possession of an eighty-acre tract on section 23, adjoining his original purchase, the entire tract comprising one hundred and sixty acres, of which his brother Charles was joint owner. In March, 1892, Mr. Bolton purchased another one-hundred-and-sixty-acre tract on the southeast quarter of section 26, this land being improved, so that he now has an extensive tract of five hundred and sixty acres, all lying in one body. Here he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in addition raises considerable stock, consisting of horses, shorthorn cattle and hogs. He is ever practical in all his work, following the most progressive methods of farming and uses all the latest improved machinery in the cultivation of his fields. He occupies a fine country residence, in which are found all modern conveniences and his is one of the highly productive and attractive farms of this section of the county.

On the 30th of October, 1864, Mr. Bolton was united in holy bonds of wedlock to a companion and helpmate on life's journey, Miss Phedora Dort, who was born in Union county, Ohio, August 11, 1839, a daughter of Calvin and Mary (Clark) Dort, natives of Vermont. They removed from the Green Mountain state to Fulton county, Illinois, where they remained for two years and then went to Burnside, Hancock county. They then removed to a farm belonging to our subject, situated on section 26, where her father's death occurred in 1879. His wife, however, had passed away in Ohio, being killed by the upsetting of a buggy. In their family were three daughters and one son. After the mother's death the father was married a second time and by that marriage had one son and a daughter.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bolton were born the following named: Florence, born August 13, 1865, became the wife of David C. Clark, of Fairfield, Iowa, and her death occurred one year later. F. Belle, born August 8, 1866, is at home. William C., born January 9, 1868, makes his home in Sonora township. Mary A., born June 23, 1869, is also at home. Maggie R., the next of the family, was born January 5, 1871, and gave her hand in marriage to Edward B. Bollin, a resident of Sonora township. Edgar A., born October 18, 1872, is with his father. M. Burns, born March 1, 1874, resides in Sonora township. Charles O., born April 9, 1876, resided in Sonora township, where his death occurred March 10, 1906. The wife and mother passed away August 27, 1905, and her death was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret among her many friends as well as in

her own household, where she was untiring in her labors for the interests of her family. She was a most estimable lady, possessing many traits of heart and mind which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact.

In his political allegiance Mr. Bolton is a stalwart republican but not an active office seeker, preferring to give his undivided attention to his private business interests. Starting out in life without financial assistance, and working as a farm hand, he has gradually worked his way up from year to year until today he has one of the best improved properties of this part of the state, for here are found all modern improvements which constitute a model farm of the twentieth century. Mr. Bolton, too, has been found reliable and straightforward in all business transactions so that his success has been richly merited and honorably won.

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#### GEORGE W. BAILEY.

George W. Bailey, carrying on general farming in Rock Creek township, was born in West Virginia, August 21, 1849, and is one of a family of nine children whose parents were Wright B. and Malinda (Bailey) Bailey, who, though of the same name, were not relatives. The father, who was born in Harrison county, Virginia, October 7, 1810, was a son of Samuel and Agnes (Hudson) Bailey,

the latter a descendant of the noted Henry Hudson, who first discovered and sailed up the river which now bears his name. Wright B. Bailey was educated in the old-time subscription schools, his textbooks constituting a New Testament, speller and arithmetic. He was so anxious to learn that he dressed a soapstone which he had taken from the creek and had his friends make him copies of the alphabet upon it and he worked with assiduity and accomplished the task that was thus set for him. He never had a grammar lesson in his life, but his ambition enabled him to learn in the school of experience many valuable lessons. He came to Hancock county, November 14, 1851, settling in Wythe township, where he followed farming. In 1864 he removed to Rock Creek township, where he spent his remaining days, passing away September 23, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years, eleven months and sixteen days. He was married April 19, 1838, to Miss Malinda Bailey, and they lived to celebrate their golden wedding. For fifty years he was a devoted member of the Missionary Baptist church and lived an earnest, consistent Christian life. He had no enemies and he was ever ready to speak a good word for all. Rev. Ward assisted Rev. Doud in preaching his funeral sermon. His wife was also a member of the Baptist church and when called to the home beyond their remains were interred in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage. Of their family of nine children six are now living: Sarah, the wife of Eugene Nair, of Kansas; Colbert, of Brashear, Missouri; Maria, the wife of George Jackson, of David City, Nebras-

ka; George W.; J. M. C., who is living in Laplata, Missouri; and Victoria, the wife of A. J. Casburn, of Ferris.

George W. Bailey was a student in the schools of Rock Creek township and remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, never being away from home for two weeks at a time during the period of his minority. On the 21st of December, 1871, he wedded Mary Eliza Ward, who was born in La Harpe, Illinois, January 8, 1853, a daughter of Rev. William and Isabelle (Johnson) Ward. Her father was born in Northhamptonshire, England, in 1827, and came to America immediately after his marriage as a passenger on an old-time sailing vessel, which was sixteen weeks in making the voyage. He is now a superannuated minister of the Northern Illinois conference. In his childhood days he attended the Church of England, and, at the age of nineteen years was converted and joined the Wesleyan Methodist church, wherein he labored faithfully, leading many to a knowledge of the better life. After his marriage he came to America, settling in Illinois, where his experiences were those that usually fall to the lot of the pioneer minister. On one occasion he went to a love-feast which was held behind bolted doors. Quite a number of the christian ladies of the neighborhood, together with Mr. Ward, were shut out because they were too late. This distressed the ladies greatly and Mr. Ward tried to comfort them by saying that when they reached the church triumphant they would always find the doors open. After an experience of this kind in the Wesleyan Methodist church it was but

natural that he seek a church where the lines were not so strictly drawn and he therefore joined the Methodist Protestant church, whose love-feasts were open, free to all. He entered the ministry of that denomination by uniting with the Illinois conference in 1851, and from that time until he entered upon superannuated relations proved a faithful and efficient preacher of the conference, acting as pastor of some of the most important charges of the conference. He was a popular minister who held the affections of his people and the seeds of spiritual truth which he had sown bore rich fruit in later years. His home life has always been a most beautiful and largely ideal one and he is today one of the most honored representatives of the Methodist ministry in this state. He now resides in Ferris and his membership is with the church of his denomination there. In his family were nine children, of whom seven are now living: J. W., a resident of Argyle, Iowa; Mary E., of this review; W. H., of Adrian, Illinois; C. B., of Rock Island; Fannie, the wife of J. A. Van Nelson, of Woodlawn, Illinois; Belle, the widow of Senator W. F. Harris, and a resident of Carthage; and D. T., of Niota, Missouri. The parents are now residents of Ferris and they have a wide acquaintance in the state, where they have lived and labored to such goodly ends.

For a year after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bailey lived upon a farm west of Ferris, and after three removals returned to his father's farm, where they resided for twelve years. During the succeeding fourteen years they lived upon a farm

northeast of Ferris, which was owned by our subject, and in September, 1902, he bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Rock Creek township, and remodeled the house into a beautiful country residence and added many modern equipments. Here he has since carried on general farming and stock-raising. He is also a large stockholder in the elevator at Adrian, and a director of the Seminary at La Harpe, Illinois, while his wife is the owner of four lots in Oklahoma. In his business interests he has displayed a watchfulness and alertness which argue well for success and his industry and probity are unquestioned factors in his business career.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bailey at their home in Rock Creek township have been born six children, of whom five are now living: W. W. Bailey, the eldest, born October 16, 1873, and now living in Bushnell, Illinois, married Louie Mason, and has two children, Pearl and Charles. Estella L., born November 4, 1877, and a graduate of the La Harpe Seminary, is now the wife of J. F. Weber, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and has one son, John Francis. Lillian Emma, born November 14, 1881, is a public school teacher, but now at home. Charles T., born March 8, 1884, died on the 29th of October of the same year. Everett G., born October 23, 1887, is attending the academy which is the preparatory department of the Carthage College. H. F., born June 29, 1890, is a student in Carthage College academic course.

Mr. Bailey is independent in politics and has held some township offices. He is a third degree Mason, belongs to the

Modern Woodmen camp at Carthage and has passed all of the chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is serving as a trustee, and their influence and acts uphold the moral and legal status of the community. A self-made man his success stands in incontrovertible proof of his life of well directed and continuous activity. He has been both industrious and frugal and these qualities have been the source of a gratifying prosperity. It is proverbial that no one goes hungry from his door. In fact hospitality is one of the chief elements in Mr. Bailey's home and the good cheer of the household is greatly enjoyed by the many friends of the family, who are legion.

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#### JULIUS CHARPENTIER.

The many good traits of character of Julius Charpentier were well worthy of emulation and made him worthy the tribute of respect and honor that was tendered him in life and is a credit to his memory since he has passed away. He was born in Paris, France, November 8, 1839, a son of Henri and Lucy (Fontaine) Charpentier, who were likewise natives of France. The father was a book-binder by trade and also engaged in the sale of religious tracts. He died in 1869, while his wife passed away in 1890. They always remained residents of their native land. In their family were seven

children, of whom five are yet living: Marie, the wife of General Thomas, of Paris, who was in command of the city at the time of the Franco-Prussian war; Madame Aline Viltard, the widow of Edmund Viltard, who was a distinguished linguist, novelist and play-writer of Paris, where she still makes her home; Claire, the wife of a Mr. Perois, proprietor of a large book store in Paris; and George and Emile, who came to Illinois in 1870, the former being now in West Point and the latter in Texas.

Julius Charpentier, the third member of the family, came to America in 1866, landing at New York. He first settled at Keokuk, Iowa, where he resided for a year, and on the 30th of August, 1867, arrived in Illinois. Here he was married to Miss Marie Bouquet, who was born in the village of Sourd, France, February 15, 1847, a daughter of Ferdinand and Marie Rose (Boidin) Bouquet. Her father was born in Leemee, France, March 18, 1806. They came to America in 1855, landing at New Orleans and settled near Basco, Illinois, April 1, 1856. They had arrived in Hancock county, however, in the previous fall, having reached Nauvoo on the 5th of November, 1855. The father was a weaver by trade. They had four children but Mrs. Charpentier is the only one living. Ferdinand, the eldest, died at Memphis, Tennessee, while on the way to Illinois, January 24, 1855, and was buried there. Louis Bouquet, who first engaged in farming in Prairie township and afterward was in business in Warsaw, subsequently removed to Quincy, Illinois, where he conducted business as a dealer in poultry,

butter and eggs. He died December 27, 1897, and was buried in Graceland cemetery in Quincy. The father died in Basco, August 19, 1875, and the mother's death there occurred January 15, 1891. Their remains were interred in Sylvandale cemetery. They were members of the Catholic church, of which they were faithful communicants.

Julius Charpentier was educated in Paris, and after his marriage settled on a farm near Basco, where he lived for twenty years. In 1888 he came to West Point and built a store there, engaging in general merchandise until his death, June 23, 1895. The business was first conducted by the firm of Cacheux & Charpentier, which relation was maintained until February 24, 1895, when Mr. Charpentier purchased his partner's interest and admitted his sons to partnership under the firm style of J. Charpentier & Sons. In his business life he was enterprising and alert, always watching for opportunities for honorable advancement and using the means at hand to the best advantage. While on the farm he carried on general agricultural pursuits and his widow still owns two hundred acres of good land, constituting the old homestead in Wythe township. In his political views he was a democrat and both he and his wife were devout members of the Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charpentier had three children, the eldest being Henri, who was born in Wythe township, July 27, 1868. He married Miss Gane Moulin, who was born in London, April 5, 1878. Her brother, George Simon, is an explorer in Hindoo, China. He is a lieutenant on a vessel

in the French navy and is the first white man that ever went up the McKane river. Henri Charpentier and Gane Moulin were married in Paris, November 12, 1904, after which they came to America and spent the winter with his mother, Mrs. Charpentier and then returned to Paris, where he represents the Milwaukee Harvesting Machine Company. He represented the company at the Paris Exposition in 1900 and has also been to Tunis, Africa, in the same interest. He is a most enterprising business man, possessing in large measure that quality which for want of better term has been called commercial sense. He is well known in business circles in Illinois and in many places of this country as well as abroad, where he is operating. He belongs to the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies, in which he has passed all of the chairs, and when in America gives his political support to the democracy. Unto him and his wife has been born a son, Gean, whose birth occurred August 29, 1905. Edmund Lois, born February 4, 1872, near Basco, in Wythe township, married Arminna McLarty, who was born August 25, 1868, in Bowen, and they have one son, Julius Alexander, who was born at West Point, June 18, 1897. After the death of the father Henri Charpentier sold his interest in the store which is now owned by Edmund and his mother, the business being still conducted under the firm style of J. Charpentier & Son. Edmund Charpentier is an energetic and successful business man, prominent in the community where he resides. In 1903 he made a trip to France for business and pleasure. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and

has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Hancock county. Claire, born January 20, 1889, in West Point, was graduated from the West Point high school with the class of 1906 and is at home with her mother. The family all speak French as well as English and the sons and daughter have all been provided with excellent educational privileges, Claire having been a student in St. Mary's Institute in Quincy.

Before leaving his native country Mr. Charpentier served for two years with the French army in Algiers and other points in Africa, and was also with the army in France for a year and for four years in Mexico, taking part in the war against that country between 1859 and 1865. He made an excellent military record by his loyalty and bravery—qualities which were manifest throughout his entire life. They were evident in his attachment to his adopted country, while in community affairs he manifested a deep and loyal interest in all that pertained to the welfare of this part of the state. He was ill for two years prior to his demise and when called from this life was laid to rest in Sylvandale cemetery. All who knew him respected and esteemed him. He was faithful in citizenship and had a very wide and favorable acquaintance in this part of the county. His best traits, however, were reserved for his family, to whom he was a most devoted husband and father. Mrs. Charpentier has been a resident of America since November, 1855. She is a lady of excellent business ability as well as many social qualities and in all that she does is very methodical and systematic. Moreover, she has many

friends in this community and is accorded social prominence.

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### T. J. GARWOOD.

T. J. Garwood, a prosperous and prominent farmer of Augusta township, resides on section 5, where he owns and cultivates one hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land. He has erected here a substantial residence, good barns and other outbuildings, and the improvements are all in keeping with ideas of modern farming. He likewise owns another tract of one hundred and eighty acres on sections 16, 8 and 17 of the same township, and is thus one of the large landholders of the county, his possessions making him a substantial citizen of this part of the state.

A native of Jasper county, Illinois, born in 1843, Mr. Garwood is a son of Thomas and Jane (Richards) Garwood. The father was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1810, while the mother's birth occurred near Nashville, Tennessee, in 1817. He devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and in 1856 became a resident of Adams county, Illinois, where he resided until 1860, when he took up his abode on the farm in Augusta township, Hancock county, that is now occupied by his son, T. J. Garwood. There he carefully conducted general farming, with the result that his labors were attended with success. Both he and his wife were devoted and loyal members of the Christian church and died in that

faith, the father passing away February 4, 1869, and the mother March 9, 1898. Both were laid to rest in the Pulaski cemetery. Of their eleven children six yet survive: T. J.; James, of Augusta township; Benjamin and Lorenzo, who are living in California; Mary, the wife of Robert Young, of Ely, Missouri; and Charles, of the state of Washington. Two uncles of our subject, John and Alfred Richards, were soldiers of the Civil war. John served as a member of a regiment of Illinois infantry under General Grant, and Alfred was killed in the battle of Murfreesboro.

T. J. Garwood was educated in the schools of Adams and of Hancock counties, the little "temples of learning" being partly log structures. He remained on the home farm until the time of his marriage, which important event was celebrated on the 18th of January, 1872, the lady of his choice being Miss Julia Welborn, who was born in Augusta township, in 1850, a daughter of Henry and Phoebe (Horney) Welborn, natives of North Carolina, the former born November 30, 1817, and the latter September 14, 1826. Her father, who devoted his life to farming, located in Augusta township, Hancock county, in 1850. His political support was given to the democracy, and he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Baptist church. He died in February, 1891, having long survived his wife, who passed away in January, 1851. They had but two children, Mrs. Garwood and John Welborn, who is now living in Missouri.



Mr. and Mrs. Garwood began their domestic life upon the farm on which they now reside on section 5, Augusta township, comprising one hundred and eighty acres of rich and productive land. He has carried on general farming and stock-raising but now rents much of his land. He cultivates, however, the tract of one hundred and eighty acres about two miles from his home on sections 16, 8 and 17, Augusta township. He had very little capital at the time of his marriage, but by economy, industry and honorable business methods has accumulated a property which is very desirable and which now enables him and his family to enjoy many of life's comforts and luxuries. They have become the parents of four children, all born on the old home place, where they have lived for thirty-five years, namely: Henry, Leonard, John and Maie. All attended the district schools of Augusta township and the daughter will graduate from the high school of the village of Augusta in 1907. The parents are both highly respected people, affable and pleasant in manner, and the hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends.

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#### CHARLES CARTER.

Charles Carter, a prominent and well-to-do citizen and farmer of Walker township, represents one of the old historic families of Hancock county. He was

born in Lowell, Massachusetts, November 6, 1846, and is a son of Philip L. and Martha E. (York) Carter, both of whom were natives of Oxford county, Maine, the former born January 17, 1813, and the latter September 9, 1814. The paternal grandparents of our subject were residents of Maine, and were among the early Mormons of the country. With a band of colonists they came westward to Hancock county at an early day and were owners of a cottage which was torn down during an attack made upon the Mormons by settlers of this part of the state. William F. Carter, an uncle of our subject, was one of the first Mormon elders and carried the teachings of the sect across the Pacific, coming to this country from Calcutta. The father of our subject was a blacksmith in Massachusetts and removed from New England to the middle west, settling in Hancock county in May, 1851. He took up his abode on the farm which is now occupied by his son, Charles, in Walker township, and there he engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising up to the time of his death, which occurred July 27, 1876. His wife survived him for about two decades, and died at the home of her son Charles in January, 1897, when her remains were interred in the family graveyard on the farm by the side of her husband. They were both highly esteemed people and enjoyed the warm personal regard of those with whom they were associated.

Charles Carter was educated in the schools of Walker and Lima townships, and remained with his father, assisting him in the farm work until the latter's death and acting as manager of the farm

during the last year or so. He was married December 23, 1877, to Miss Marietta Archer, who was born in Lima, Adams county, Illinois, in 1851, a daughter of Harrison and Mary Ann Archer, natives of Kentucky and Ohio respectively. Her father was a wagon-maker by trade and removed from Adams county to Warsaw, where he lived for many years, conducting a wagon shop there. Mrs. Archer died in 1870, while Mr. Archer passed away in 1896, and both were laid to rest in Lima cemetery. They were the parents of nine children but only four are living, namely: Mrs. Carter; Ida, the wife of M. Fawbush, of Wichita, Kansas; Martha A., wife of J. A. Califf, of Carthage, Illinois; and Harry, who is on the farm with our subject. One brother, John Albert Archer, was killed in battle in the Civil war on the banks of the Red river, while serving as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Following his marriage Charles Carter continued to live upon the old home place, which comprises three hundred and ten acres of productive and valuable land on sections 31 and 32, Walker township. He has built a house here and has made other modern and substantial improvements, while year by year his labors are given exclusively to the work of tilling the soil and raising stock. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter has been blessed with four children, all born in Walker township, namely: Ida Mabel, the wife of H. W. Osgood, of Labelle, Missouri, by whom she has two children, Stella M. and Charles S.; Philip L., Dora A. and John Archer, all at home.

Mr. Carter votes with the Republican party and has served in some local offices, acting as supervisor, while for many years he has been school director. A part of his land was once occupied by the Mormon cottages which were burned down and this is old historic ground. Mr. Carter's memory compasses a long period in the history of the county and he is well informed concerning many of the events which find record in its annals. He and his family are highly esteemed and his acquaintance is wide and favorable in his part of the county.

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#### HERMAN HAASE.

Herman Haase, owning and operating one hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land lying in Appanoose township, a part of which is the old family homestead, was born in Walker township, Hancock county, June 21, 1862, of German parentage, his parents being Conrad and Barbara (Siphery) Haase, natives of the fatherland, the former born in Hesse Cassel, while the latter's birth occurred in Saxony. The father on leaving his native land crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel, which dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans, and after a brief stay in that city he removed, in 1853, to Galveston, Texas, where he was employed in a warehouse, handling freight. After spending some time in the south he came to Illinois, traveling by steamer up the Mississippi river, settling

first at Warsaw, where he learned and followed the cooper's trade for a number of years. In 1859 he was married in Tioga, Hancock county, to Miss Barbara Siphery, where he was conducting a cooper shop at that time. He then made purchase of sixty acres of land which he conducted in addition to doing cooper work. He later traded this tract of land to Ira Allen for one hundred acres on section 22, Appanoose township, which adjoined another tract of sixty acres which he had previously owned. He carried on the work of his farm in connection with his cooper shop for many years, and later returned to his native country on a visit. He made a second trip to Germany, thus crossing the Atlantic five times. After he removed to his farm in Appanoose township in September, 1880, he discontinued his work as a cooper and gave his entire attention to his general agricultural pursuits, which he continued to follow until his death on the 28th of March, 1904, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, for his birth occurred December 2, 1817. He had survived his wife for only about a year, she having passed away on the 8th of April, 1903. In their family were two sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest son and second child, the others being: Lena, the wife of George A. Baker, a resident of Hitchcock county, Nebraska; Conrad, also of Hitchcock county, Nebraska; and Annie, who makes her home in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Herman Haase acquired his early education in the district schools of Walker township, which was later supplemented

by study in the schools at Cropp and Tioga. He was reared to the occupation of farming and has always followed general agricultural pursuits since engaging in business on his own account. He remained with his parents until the time of his marriage, which was celebrated May 3, 1891, Miss Sophia Weber becoming his wife. She was born in Appanoose township on the farm which is now owned by Mr. Haase, a daughter of Samuel and Rosa (Bertschi) Weber, natives of Switzerland, the former a son of Fred Weber, and the latter a daughter of Samuel Bertschi. A year previous to his marriage Mr. Haase had purchased from his father sixty-four acres of land, the contract being made on the 7th of August, 1890. There were no buildings or improvements of any kind on this tract when it came into his possession, but he bought an old house which he moved to this tract. He also fenced the place and erected outbuildings, including a barn, cattle shed, tool house and granary. Here he engaged in general agricultural pursuits, bringing his land under a good state of cultivation, from which he annually harvested good crops as the result of the care which he bestowed upon the fields. He derived sufficient capital from his farming interests, so that at his father's death he was able to purchase the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead farm, which comprised one hundred acres, so that he has now altogether one hundred and sixty-four acres. He has refenced the entire place with wire fencing, and there are now only about two hundred rods of hedge fencing on the place. He keeps his farm and

buildings in excellent condition so that he now has an attractive and productive tract of land. In addition to carrying on the work of the fields he also engages to some extent in the raising of horses, cattle and Poland China hogs.

Uto Mr. and Mrs. Haase have been born a son and daughter: Samuel Conrad, born February 9, 1893; and Leah Ruth, whose birth occurred December 3, 1895. He gives his political support to the Democratic party and takes a deep and helpful interest in the work of his party, having served as constable for seven years, while for three years he was road commissioner. Socially he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Having spent his entire life in Hancock county Mr. Haase is widely and favorably known, where both social and business friends speak of him in terms of highest praise, for he has ever been straightforward in all his dealings with his fellowmen. His wife, too, is popular among her many friends, having been born and reared in the locality where she now makes her home, and the hospitality of the best homes of this community is freely accorded them.

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#### AUGUST H. DISSELHORST.

August H. Disselhorst, who is conducting the Pine Grove farm, the old homestead property of his father, was born in Adams county, Illinois, September 30,

1882. In both the paternal and maternal lines he comes of German lineage. His father, Ernest Disselhorst, was born in Germany, and, emigrating to America, was married at Fowler, Adams county, Illinois, to Miss Rickie Meyers, a native of that county. Her father, Gotlieb Meyers, was born in Germany and made his way to Quincy, Illinois, when there were not more than a half dozen houses in the town. He began farming in that locality and was married there to Miss Heaner. They began their domestic life upon a farm about nine miles east of Quincy and for many years Mr. Meyers there carried on agricultural pursuits but died several years ago. Following his marriage Ernest Disselhorst rented land for fourteen years, and in 1894 he purchased one hundred and fifty-eight acres on section 5, Wythe township, Hancock county, and also fifty-seven acres in Wilcox township. Some improvements had been made upon his first purchase, there was a comfortable residence there and other buildings. Later, however, the father erected a large barn sixty by forty feet. This was in 1899, and 1904, he built a second barn fifty by forty-two feet. He has also added other buildings and modern equipment to his place and he there carried on general farming and raising cattle, horses and hogs. In 1902 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 25th of February of that year. He continued to reside upon the old homestead until the spring of 1906, when he married Emma Knox, and now lives upon her farm of eighty acres in Adams county. There were two children by his former mar-

riage, the daughter being Lydia, who was born February 28, 1879, and is now the wife of Edward Trautvetter, living in Montebello township about two miles north of Hamilton.

August H. Disselhorst pursued a public school education and was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He took his place behind the plow when but a young boy and as the years have passed has gained practical experience in the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He is now conducting the Pine Grove farm, which is a valuable property and which under his careful supervision is returning a gratifying income.

On the 9th of May, 1906, Mr. Disselhorst was married to Miss Laura Mabel Dralle, a native of Adams county, and a daughter of Henry Dralle. He votes with the Republican party and manifests a public-spirited interest in community affairs but has neither time nor desire for office as his attention is fully occupied with the interests and improvement of the home farm.

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#### JOHN A. CAMPBELL.

John A. Campbell is the owner of a good farm of two hundred and forty acres situated near Augusta. It is a well developed property constantly increasing in value by reason of the care and labor he

bestows upon it and because of the modern improvements which he has added thereto. He was born in Parke county, Indiana, in 1844, and is descended from Scotch ancestry. His father, Gustavus Campbell, was born in Scotland and died when his son John A. was a very small boy. The mother bore the maiden name of Octavie Payne, and was born in Virginia. Her father was an owner of slaves and a part of her dowry was composed of negro servants. For twelve years Gustavus Campbell followed the sea as a sailor and then removed to Indiana, where he engaged in farming. His wife long survived him and then passed away in 1877. Of their family of nine children six are living as follows: James, a resident of Augusta, Illinois; Richard, living at Coal Bluff, Indiana; John A.; Allen, George and Charles, also of Indiana.

In the district schools of his native state John A. Campbell acquired his education and after leaving school went to live with his brother, working on a farm and also spending some time as a farm hand in the employ of others. He was ambitious, however, to make a start in life and eagerly availed himself of every opportunity for his own business advancement. In July, 1868, he chose a companion and helpmate for life's journey, being married to Miss Susan Matthews, who was born in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1853. Her grandfather in the paternal line was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and Mrs. Campbell can relate many interesting stories which he told her concerning that struggle. She is a daughter of A. B. and D. V. (Kalley)

Matthews. Her father was born in Ohio in 1817 and her mother in Parke county, Indiana, in 1827. He devoted his life to farm work and in 1851 removed to this county, spending much of his time here in Augusta township. He died in 1891 in the faith of the Christian church, of which he was a devoted member. His wife also belongs to that church. Eight of their ten children still survive, namely: Mandane, the wife of John Jones, of Oregon; Robert, of Augusta township; Miles, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Susan Campbell; William Jackson, of Cass county, Iowa; Harvey, of Hancock county; Edna, the wife of Lincoln Smith, of Hancock county; and Marion, also of this county.

Mr. Campbell arrived in this county about 1864 or 1865, and lived in Augusta township for two years, after his marriage. He then removed to Indiana, where he carried on farming for two years, after which he returned to Augusta township and invested his little capital in twenty acres of land also on section 7. Here he has since added to his property from time to time as his financial resources have increased until he now owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land on sections 7 and 9. His first home here was a log cabin and he also lived in a log house in Indiana. He had to clear his place in order to have sufficient ground upon which to erect a home. He has built barns and outbuildings and now has a well improved property although when it came into his possession it was largely covered with hazel brush. His attention has been given to the raising of grain and stock and his fields are richly tilled, bringing forth

good harvests. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Campbell has been blessed with three children, all born in Augusta township: Harvey, who was born in 1869, and married Miss Mary Young, of Augusta township, by whom he has one son, Wayne; Dovie, who was born in 1876, and died in 1896, the interment being made in Irwin cemetery; and Charles, who was born in 1880 and lives upon a farm adjoining his father's place. He married Etta Little and has three children, Herschel and Mark, aged respectively six and four years, and baby Eva, two weeks old.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell endured many hardships and privations in the early days of their married life but have gradually climbed the ladder of success and are now comfortably situated. No longer the owner of twenty acres of land he has more than ten times that amount and his farm is a well improved place, being one of the attractive features of the landscape. In manner genial and jovial, these qualities make him popular with a large circle of friends. Both he and his wife are worthy people and they hold membership in the Congregational church, in which he has efficiently served as deacon for many years. His political endorsement is given to the democracy.

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#### ANDREW JACKSON HARRIS.

Andrew Jackson Harris is in control of varied and important business enter-

prises whereby he is classed as one of the representative men of the community. In addition to his agricultural pursuits he is vice president of the Burnside Bank, and a director in the Adrian Elevator Company, and moreover, he is prominent and influential in community affairs, serving at the present writing in the office of justice of the peace for the second term. A native of Adams county, Illinois, he was born October 2, 1862, and his parents, Jackson and Louisa (Hardy) Harris, were also natives of the same county. The father, a farmer by occupation, took up his abode in Rock Creek township upon his removal to Hancock county in 1866, and carried on the work of tilling the soil there until a recent date but now makes his home with his children, living on some of his farms. His wife died in March, 1905, and was laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage. She was a lady of many good traits of heart and mind and thus her loss was the occasion of wide-spread regret among her many friends, as well as in her immediate family. Mr. Harris is a man of genuine personal worth, who has been accorded high regard in recognition of his salient and commendable characteristics. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has filled several township offices, well meriting the trust reposed in him by his election thereto. In his family were seven children, of whom five are now living, namely: Andrew; Tamar, the wife of G. F. Wilson, of Rock Creek township; George E., who is living in Denver, Illinois; Mary E., the wife of L. J. Fry, living on the old home place; and Sarah E., the wife of Clyde Shepherd, of Rock Creek township.

At the usual age Andrew J. Harris began his education, becoming a student in Rock Creek township schools. He afterward attended Carthage College, and also Chaddock College, in Quincy, Illinois. Thus liberally educated he was well qualified for the profession of teaching, upon which he entered after the completion of his college course. For six months he was thus engaged in Pilot Grove township and he also taught in various other townships of Hancock county, his identification with the work of public instruction covering four years. He afterward became associated with his brother in the ownership and conduct of a general store at Adrian for ten years, during which period he likewise served as postmaster of the town for two terms. On the expiration of that period he had eighty acres of land in Rock Creek township, given him by his father, and to this property he has since added until he now owns two hundred acres altogether, situated on sections 13 and 23. He has built there a good residence and substantial outbuildings and has a well improved farm property, carrying on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising with results that are highly satisfactory when viewed from a financial standpoint. The spirit of enterprise which brooks no obstacle but pushes steadily forward to the goal of success is his and his record as a representative of agricultural interests is most creditable. He has also extended his efforts into other fields of activity and is now vice president of the Burnside Bank and a director in the Adrian Elevator Company.

On the 12th of March, 1891, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Burr, who was born in Durham

township in 1879, a daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Terrell) Burr. The mother was a native of Virginia, born in 1841, and died at the age of thirty-seven years. The father, a native of Connecticut, was a farmer by occupation, and for many years a resident of Durham township, when, in 1905, he removed to Winfield, Kansas, where he is now living at the age of sixty-seven years. He is a republican, firm in support of party principles yet without aspiration for office. He left behind him in Hancock county many warm friends who knew him to be a genial gentleman, courteous and considerate to others and reliable in his business transactions. His wife, too, had many warm friends here, so that her death was deeply regretted. In their family were five children as follows: Rev. Edward S. Burr, who is now living in Nebraska; Minnie, the wife of W. T. Dugger, of Dallas City; Mrs. Harris; Clarence, of Durham township; and John, of Lomax. After losing his first wife Mr. Burr wedded Miss Amanda Clark, who still survives, and their children, five in number, are Walter, Mary, Wesley, Arthur and Ellis.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Harris has been blessed with six children, all born in Hancock county: Albert B., born September 25, 1892; Orville F., who was born December 22, 1894, and died December 16, 1895; Ernest Roy, born November 5, 1896; Esther Louisa, October 7, 1898; Edward J., March 21, 1901; and Sarah Alice, January 16, 1903. The family have a lovely home, pleasantly situated near Ferris. Mr. Harris is a Master Mason and both he and his wife are earnest christian people. He belongs to the

Primitive Baptist church, in which he is serving as deacon, while Mrs. Harris is a member of the Methodist church. His political support is given to the Democratic party and he is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, while for some years he has also been a member of the school board. In the former office he has rendered decisions which are recognized as strictly fair and impartial and thus he has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people."

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#### ISAAC W. CASSELL.

Isaac W. Cassell, who in former years was connected with educational work in Illinois and Nebraska but is now owning and operating extensive landed possessions in La Harpe township, Hancock county, is an influential factor in this section of the state. He is a native of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Knox county, December 26, 1839, and comes of German lineage. His paternal great-grandfather was Henry Cassell, a native of Hesse Cassel, Germany, who, on emigrating to the United States, settled in Maryland, the family home being established in Carroll county. There the father of our subject, Isaac Cassell, was born and reared and was married to Miss Lydia Nicodemus, likewise a native of Carroll county, Maryland, and a daughter of John Nicodemus, who was also born in



that state. Isaac Cassell removed from his native state to Knox county, Ohio, about the year 1834, and there purchased three hundred acres of timber land, which he cleared and improved and on which he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1885, while his wife had preceded him to the home beyond, her death having occurred in 1871.

Isaac W. Cassell is the youngest of five sons and seven daughters, and two of his sisters yet survive. He pursued his education in the public schools of Ohio, and was reared to farm life, assisting his father in the duties of the home place. He remained with his parents until the 3d of September, 1861, when, his patriotic spirit being aroused during the Civil war, he enlisted as a member of Company A, Twentieth Ohio Infantry, joining at Fredericktown. The command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and at once went to the front. Mr. Cassell was loyal in the discharge of every duty that was assigned him, and for meritorious service was promoted in the ranks, being given a lieutenant's commission on the 12th of September, 1862, of the Ninety-sixth Ohio Infantry, but on account of illness he was forced to resign and then returned to his home in Ohio. His health had become so badly impaired during his service in the army that he was unable to resume farm work, and, realizing the need of better educational facilities that would fit him for other business, he decided to pursue a collegiate course, and entered Wittenburg College, at Springfield, Ohio, from which he was graduated in June, 1866. He then accepted a professorship in Adrian Col-

lege, at Adrian, Michigan, there having charge of the Latin and Greek classes until June, 1872, when he went to Lincoln, Nebraska, and organized the public school system at that place. He was then elected superintendent of schools at that place, filling the position two years, and during one year, viz., 1874, was also county superintendent of schools in Lancaster county, that state, and in all of these positions he gave excellent satisfaction, his ability as an educator being recognized by all with whom he was associated.

On the 3d of August, 1871, Mr. Cassell was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Gittings, a native of La Harpe township, whose birth occurred April 7, 1851. Her parents were James and Susanna (Thompson) Gittings. Her paternal grandparents were Ason and Elizabeth (Clark) Gittings, natives of Maryland, while the maternal grandparents were John and Libbie Thompson, natives of Stokes county, North Carolina. Her father, James Gittings, had come to Illinois from Zanesville, Ohio, in 1836, and had entered land in La Harpe township, having a half section situated on section 5, for which he paid the usual government price of one dollar and a quarter per acre. He added to this tract, however, from time to time until he was the owner of two thousand acres of valuable land in La Harpe township besides owning seven hundred acres in the northwestern part of Missouri. The daughter, Mrs. Cassell, supplemented her early educational privileges by a course of study in Denmark Academy, at Denmark, Iowa, and later pursued a course of study in Adrian Col-

lege, at Adrian, Michigan. Both her parents are now deceased, the father having passed away November 18, 1882, while the mother survived for about ten years, passing away January 23, 1892.

Our subject and his wife, after remaining for a number of years in the west, where he was connected with educational interests, then returned to his native township to assist in the management of the extensive landed interests of his father-in-law, James Gittings. He took up his abode on a farm of two hundred and forty acres, which he successfully managed until the fall of 1879, when he again resumed his former work as an educator, becoming principal of La Harpe Seminary, which position he filled until 1884, when the building was destroyed by fire, and he then removed to a farm north of La Harpe, which comprised two hundred and fifty acres, and since 1891 has continued to reside on this place. His wife inherited a portion of her father's estate upon his death, and together they now have four hundred and ninety acres, all of which with the exception of about fifty acres is cultivable. Here he is engaged in general farming, in which he is meeting with very gratifying success.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born nine children, four having died in infancy. The five living are: Abbie, who was born December 18, 1872, and is now the wife of Judd Hartzell, engaged in the insurance business at Monmouth, Illinois; Robert, born February 22, 1874, and a resident of La Harpe township; Ort, born February 2, 1877, Mayme, born December 18, 1881, and Susannah G., born October 10, 1887, all of whom are yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Cassell holds membership with the Congregational church at La Harpe, in which he has filled all of the offices of the organization. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, holding membership with the Blue lodge and chapter at La Harpe, and the commandery at Macomb. In April, 1905, he was granted a pension by the government, and is now receiving six dollars per month. He has always been deeply interested in educational advancement in his county and has given active and helpful support in all movements along those lines. In his political views he is a republican, actively interested in the work of his party. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Hancock county, where he has so long resided, and he is today classed among the wide-awake and prosperous representatives of agricultural interests in his section of the state. Both Mr. Cassell and his wife are people of culture and refinement and their pleasant home is noted for its gracious and warm-hearted hospitality.

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#### WILLIAM C. HOOKER.

William C. Hooker, who has conferred honor and dignity upon the legal profession of Hancock county, with which he has long been connected, being for many years classed with the prominent attorneys of Carthage, where he has resided for more than a half century, was born in Auburn, New York, September

13, 1828. His parents, Harley Hooker and Mary Beardsley Hooker, were both natives of Connecticut and he is a lineal descendant of Rev. Thomas Hooker, who in 1636 led the colony which settled Newtown, now Hartford, in that state.

His father, a physician of extensive and successful practice, in 1839, removed to Pecatonica, now Rockton, Illinois. From that time, except occasional attendance during winter months at the district school, and one year at Onondaga Academy, New York, he was engaged on his father's farm and in teaming to Chicago and other lake ports, until the fall of 1847, when he entered Beloit College from which institution he graduated in 1851, being a member of the first class to complete the college course there. Subsequently he engaged in teaching school and his leisure hours were devoted to reading law, thus preparing for the bar in Syracuse, New York, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and other places, where he was engaged in teaching. He completed his preliminary reading at Quincy, Illinois, in the fall of 1853 and in the spring of 1854 was admitted to the bar.

The following June he located at Nauvoo, and soon after became a law partner of Milton M. Morrill. In March, 1858, he removed to Carthage and formed a partnership for the practice of law with Hiram G. Ferris and George Edmunds, under the name of Ferris, Hooker & Edmunds. This relationship continued about four years, the firm being prominent in the early history of the county. Since then he has remained in Carthage and continued as a general practitioner. He has a fine office and library and al-

though he has passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey is yet active in the practice of law. He had been a resident of the county for only a brief period when a good clientage was accorded him and through the succeeding years he has maintained a foremost place at the bar.

In 1856 William C. Hooker was married to Anna M. Hume, of Clark county, Kentucky, who died in 1857. In December, 1862, he wedded Mary Catherine McQuary, of Carthage, and unto them were born two daughters and two sons: Mary, who was the wife of Charles J. Daoust, of Defiance, Ohio, and died in 1896; Frances, who became the wife of Michael C. Flynn, and died in 1898; Harley J., who is engaged in the land business in Oklahoma; and Chellis E., who was an attorney and in 1898 was elected county judge but died in July, 1901, his father filling out his unexpired term. Mrs. Hooker departed this life February 5, 1900. Her many excellent qualities of heart and mind had gained her leadership in social circles and the number of her friends was almost co-extensive with the number of her acquaintances.

Mr. Hooker has been a democrat from the time he cast his first vote in 1854. He served as a member of the central committee of the county for a number of years and for some years was a member of the democratic state central committee, frequently he has been a delegate to the local, congressional and state conventions of the party. Never an aspirant for office he has held no public position outside the strict path of his profession but was master in chancery for twelve years, begin-

ning in 1863 and again for three or four years, beginning in 1895. He was made a Mason in Alabama during the winter of 1852-3 and is now a member of Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He served as worshipful master of Reclamation lodge, No. 54, at Nauvoo. He also belongs to Carthage chapter, No. 33, Royal Arch Masons, has for several terms served as high priest, was a member of the council and is a member of the commandery at Quincy. Mr. Hooker has figured for many years as one of the most prominent and representative citizens of Carthage, whose career reflects credit upon its legal history while his private life has been exemplary of all that constitutes the true citizen. His nature is kindly, his temperament genial and his manner courteous and he has not only been found a most congenial spirit among men of broad learning and culture but one whose words of wisdom and kindly counsel have been a source of encouragement and inspiration.

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#### JUDGE CHELLIS E. HOOKER.

Judge Chellis E. Hooker, elected to the bench of the county court of Hancock county when only twenty-eight years of age and distinguished as one of the foremost representatives of the bar of this part of the state, his career cut short by his untimely death, which was the occasion of most deep and widespread regret, was a son of William C. Hooker and a native resident of Carthage. He ac-

quired his preliminary education in the common schools of this city, while his more specifically literary education was obtained as a student in Carthage College. In 1887 he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and subsequently was for some time in Kansas City, Omaha and Montana as a clothing salesman. From Colorado Junction he returned to Carthage and entered his father's office as a law student in 1890. The following year he matriculated in the law department of the Northwestern University at Chicago, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Law in the class of 1893. During the March term prior to his graduation he successfully passed the examination before the supreme court and was admitted to the bar. Returning to his native city he entered into partnership with his father under the style of William C. Hooker & Son, and came into almost immediate distinction as a member of the firm. His position at the bar is indicated by the resolutions passed by the County Judges' Association as given below.

Judge Hooker was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he held various offices and in the work of which he took an active, helpful and prominent part. He was also active in the ranks of the Democratic party and was identified with the Episcopal church, in which he served for a number of years as lay reader. His distinctive characteristics were a strong, logical mind, a marked devotion to every cause which he espoused and a high sense of honor in every relation of life. No better evidence of his work and the position which



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he occupied in the public regard can be given than in presenting the resolutions prepared by Judge Carl E. Epler and passed by the County Judges' Association at its meeting in Springfield in 1902. These resolutions read as follows:

"A ruling Providence has first taken from our number one of the youngest of our members, Chellis E. Hooker, county judge of Hancock county, died at Carthage, Illinois, July 23, 1901, of laryngeal consumption. He was born at Carthage, November 9, 1870, and, therefore, he was not thirty-one years of age at his untimely death. He was unmarried. The son of William C. Hooker, an honored member of the Hancock county bar, he was reared the idol of his family. He was devoted to his mother, whose gentle influence was removed by the hand of death a few years ago.

"Going west in 1887, and returning several years after, young Hooker studied law in his father's office, and also attended the Northwestern Law School at Chicago, where he graduated in 1893, having already been examined and been admitted to the bar in March of that year. He then commenced the practice of law as a partner with his father, under favorable auspices. In 1897 he was elected city attorney of Carthage, winning such popular esteem that in 1898 he was elected county judge of Hancock county, when but twenty-eight years of age. He joined in organizing this association. He gave general satisfaction in the discharge of his official duties. The high personal regard borne for him and his family led all parties to unite in electing, without opposition, his father, Wil-

liam C. Hooker, as his successor in office for the unexpired term—a deserved but unusual tribute.

"Of fine instincts, ambitions and intelligence, by dint of energy and industry, Judge C. E. Hooker stood well forward at the Hancock county bar, long noted for its ability and high character. Sincere and lovable, gifted with all manly qualities, his home life was ideal. True to his friends, generous and charitable in disposition, affable in his official work, he was deservedly popular in the community where he lived and with all with whom he came in contact. His career, able and honorable, but all too brief, commands our highest eulogy. He lived nobly. We pay him fitting tribute. His life work is done. He rests in peace.

"To his venerable father, Hon. William C. Hooker, chosen by a grateful public as his son's successor, we extend our heartfelt sympathy in his recent and bitter bereavements, with regret that his son's aspirations had no longer term in which to realize more fully his professional ideals."

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#### JOEL BAILEY.

Joel Bailey, residing on a farm of one hundred and two acres in Pilot Grave township, which he is cultivating in connection with his son, was born in La Harpe township, this county, January 22, 1842, his parents being John F. and Mary (Thompson) Bailey. The father was born in Ohio, and the mother in Virginia,

the year 1836 witnessing their arrival in Illinois, at which time they located in Pilot Grove township. After some years they removed to La Harpe township where they resided for three years but returned to Pilot Grove township. The maternal grandfather, Elton Thompson, was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land. Upon his death this property was inherited by his daughter, Mrs. Bailey, who was his only heir. The family then removed to the farm, which Mr. Bailey cultivated for many years. At length the property was sold and another farm was purchased near Burnside, comprising sixty-nine acres, upon which Mr. Bailey continued to reside for a considerable period. He died near Adrian in Rock Creek township, at the age of seventy-nine years and thus passed away one of the well known pioneer settlers of the county. His early political support was given to the Whig party and on its dissolution he became a republican. For several years he filled the office of justice of the peace. He belonged to the Baptist church, while his wife held membership in the Methodist church.

Joel Bailey remained with his parents until about fourteen years of age, when his mother died and the household was broken up. He afterward worked for a short time on a neighboring farm and then began learning the blacksmith's trade but when the Civil war was inaugurated he responded to the country's call, enlisting in July, 1861, as a member of Company G, Second Illinois Cavalry. When his term with that regiment had expired he joined Company K, of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Illinois In-

fantry and served until the close of the war, being sergeant of his company. He was one of the soldiers who guarded the body of Abraham Lincoln while it lay in state at the capitol at Springfield, and also acted as guard at the tomb. He took part in a number of battles and engagements, including the siege of Vicksburg. After the war he returned to this county, where he has since lived, giving his time and attention to general farming and also working at the blacksmith's trade and at painting, which he has followed for many years. For three years he followed his trade in Carthage and then returned to Pilot Grove township, where at different times he has owned a number of farms, having now one hundred and ten acres of good land which he is operating in connection with his son.

Mr. Bailey was married January 1, 1867, to Miss Carrie E. Phelps, who was born in New York. They have become the parents of seven children, of whom five are living. Maud is the wife of Jacob Schneider, of Niota, Illinois, and has two children, Joel Dean and Robert Kent. Leonard resides in Oklahoma. William P. resides on the home farm and aids in its operation. Florence is the wife of Guy Harris, a farmer of Rock Creek township, and has two children, Thelma and Ercell. James died at the age of eleven years. John died at the age of fourteen years. Pearl, the youngest child, resides at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are members of the Methodist church and he votes with the Republican party but has never cared for office. He has seen many important



changes made in Hancock county and has done his full share toward its improvement. At the same time he made a creditable record in military service of his country and throughout his life has manifested a spirit of loyalty that is most commendable.

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### JOHN H. GARNER.

John H. Garner, comfortably situated in life as the result of his capable business management and enterprise, his home being Augusta township, was born near Clayton, in Adams county, Illinois, May 15, 1846. His parents, William and Elizabeth (Garner) Garner, were natives of Indiana, born in the vicinity of Terre Haute. They were representatives of pioneer families of that part of the county, and the grandfather and the father of our subject both lived in log houses, which were covered with shingles that they themselves shaved. William Garner, the grandfather, was ninety-five years of age when he passed away at his son's home near Denver, Illinois. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and he lived under every presidential administration from Washington to Cleveland, his death occurring in 1888. He was married in 1817 to Sarah Robinson and emigrated westward to Illinois in 1831, becoming a pioneer resident of Hancock county and one who contributed in substantial measure to its early development, when it was still a frontier district. He

was not the only member of the family who has done military service for the country, for James and George Garner, brothers of our subject, were soldiers of the Union army in the Civil war, the latter serving for about eight months. The former enlisted in 1861, and being captured, was held as a prisoner in both Libby and Andersonville prisons. Mr. Garner of this review also occupied a home in his early life that was built of logs. William Garner was a farmer by occupation and coming to Illinois when about twenty-two years of age settled in Adams county when it was a frontier district. In 1848 he removed to Hancock county, where he lived until his death. He was laid to rest in West Point cemetery, while his wife was buried in Adams county near Hebron church. Both were members of the Methodist church and were people of the highest respectability and worth. They had seven children, of whom the following still survive: Frances, the widow of Rev. N. A. Walker, and a resident of Beloit, Kansas; James R., living in West Point, Illinois; John H., of this review; George, of Red Cloud, Nebraska; and Fletcher, of Quincy, Illinois.

John H. Garner at the usual age began his education, pursuing his studies in West Point (Illinois) district schools. He afterward remained with his parents until twenty years of age and was then married, in 1866, to Miss Angeline Blake, who was born in this county, December 28, 1846, a daughter of Gideon and Mary Blake. Her father was of German parentage, while her mother was born in the east. He followed farming in order to

provide for his family and both he and his wife have now passed away, his death having occurred about fifteen years ago, while his wife died twenty years ago. They had ten children, four of whom are now living: Ellen, the wife of Marion Bagley, of Chicago; Joseph, of Kansas; Cora, the wife of John Adams, of Johnson county, Missouri; and Enoch, who lives in Colorado.

On the 4th of July, 1873, Mrs. Garner departed this life, leaving a son, James Edward, who was born in Chili township, December 23, 1866. He married Miss Rosa Symmonds, and lives in Monroe county, Missouri. They have four children, Helen Ethel, Ernest Ellwood (deceased), Luella and John Edward. On the 3d of December, 1874, Mr. Garner was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary F. Dudman, who was born in Clark county, Indiana, September 17, 1846, a daughter of Robert Jackson and Phoebe Ann (Mills) Dudman, the former born in Adams county, Indiana, March 13, 1821, and the latter in Pennsylvania, October 30, 1818. Mr. Dudman was a cooper by trade and also followed the occupation of farming. In 1849 he became a resident of Adams county, Illinois, and while carrying on general agricultural pursuits there he also found time and opportunity to take an active part in the work of the Methodist church, of which he was a member and in which he served as class leader and steward. He died December 28, 1873, leaving his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name, and his wife, a most estimable lady, passed away May 25, 1861, both being laid to rest in Chili

cemetery. They had eight children, of whom five are now living: Mrs. Garner; Thomas, of Macomb, Illinois; Anna E., the wife of J. A. Veach, of Bloomington, Illinois; Lizzie Koehler, of Eldersville, Illinois; and William Finley, who lives in Roanoke, this state, and is a minister of the Methodist church.

At the time of his first marriage Mr. Garner located in Chili township, where he lived until 1869, when he removed to a farm in Johnson county, Missouri, there spending three years. In 1873 he returned to Hancock county and for sixteen years made his home upon another farm in Chili township, coming thence to Augusta township in 1892, when he purchased forty acres of land on section 18, and twenty-five acres on section 7. He has since added to the home place and he now owns forty acres on section 8. He has improved his residence, built good barns and outbuildings and has a well equipped farm property, the main features of which indicate his careful supervision and spirit of thrift and enterprise. His attention is given not only to the development of the fields but also to stock-raising, and he likewise has four acres in a peach orchard, containing one thousand fine young trees, which in the present year, 1906, have borne bountifully. This is one of the finest orchards in the county. In the work of carrying on his farm he displays thorough knowledge of agricultural interests and as all who know him are aware, his property has come to him as the legitimate reward of his persistence and labor.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner are the parents of a daughter and two sons, all born in

Chili township but Helen Ann, who was born December 1, 1875, died April 15, 1895. Orville Ellwood, born June 13, 1878, is mail carrier on the Augusta rural route No. 2. Fred Garfield, born June 25, 1880, married Mittie Catherine McGinnis, and lives in Augusta township. They have two children, Martin Henry and Elbert Ellwood. Besides their own children Mr. and Mrs. Garner have reared a little daughter, Ruth Tucker, who came to them when two years of age and is now twelve years old. She was born November 28, 1894. Mr. Garner votes with the Republican party and has served as township collector and as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their salient characteristics are such that all who know them speak of them in terms of warm regard and admiration. They have worked persistently together in the building of a home and the acquirement of a comfortable competence and are now pleasantly situated in life.

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#### WILLIAM BAGBY.

Long years have come and gone since William Bagby took up his abode in Hancock county and few men are more familiar with the history of its development and upbuilding. What to others are matters of history are to him events of actual experience or else he has been a witness of those movements which have left

their impress upon the development and progress of the county. He passed the ninetieth year of his age on October 11, 1906, and is one of the most venerable and honored citizens of this part of the state. His birth occurred in Lewis county, Kentucky, October 11, 1816, and he there resided until twenty-two years of age, his parents being Robert and Frances Bagby, both of whom were natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Kentucky in an early period in the development of the latter state. The father engaged in farming throughout his entire life and both he and his wife passed away in Kentucky, his death occurring when he was about forty-five years of age, while his wife reached the advanced age of seventy years. In religious faith they were connected with the Methodist church.

William Bagby acquired his education in the county of his nativity. No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for him in his boyhood days. He assisted in the labors of the farm and met the usual experiences of life in a frontier community. In May, 1838, he came to Illinois to visit his sister and brother-in-law, who had removed to this state in 1836. Here he formed the acquaintance of Miss Eliza Warring, a daughter of Basel and Sarah (Thompson) Warring, and they were united in marriage on the 29th of November, 1838. Her parents were natives of Greenup county, Kentucky, where they spent nearly their entire lives, the father following the occupation of farming throughout his entire business career. They came to Illinois in 1835, settling in Adams county,

where he devoted his energies to general agricultural pursuits until his death. Both he and his wife died at an advanced age. Mrs. Bagby was educated in the schools of Adams county, where she lived until her marriage. In April, 1839, Mr. and Mrs. Bagby started on their way to Kentucky, traveling on horseback. They went as far as Frederick on the Illinois river and there took a boat for St. Louis, Missouri. On the way down the river, the night being quite dark, the boat ran upon a snag and sprang a leak. The pilot, being informed of the accident, made for the shore where the deck hands succeeded in fastening a hauser rope on the outside and over the hurricane roof and made fast to a nearby tree. Mr. and Mrs. Bagby were the first passengers to leave the boat and they remained sitting on their baggage for two hours, when another boat came along on the way to Cincinnati, which took all passengers on the illfated boat aboard, so that they soon arrived safely in Cincinnati. In 1840 their first child was born and they honored it with the names of both grandmothers, calling the little girl Sarah Frances. Soon after this Mr. and Mrs. Bagby returned to Illinois and settled in Adams county, where he engaged in farming and later purchased forty acres in Hancock county, afterward an eighty-acre tract in this county and also one hundred and sixty acres in Adams county. He placed many improvements upon his farm, making his home in Adams county for a number of years, after which he removed to Augusta township just east of the village of Augusta. In 1854 he took up his abode in the village, where he conducted a tavern

for a number of years called the Augusta Tavern, which was the predecessor of the Commercial Hotel. As a landlord he became widely known to the early settlers and entertained a number of prominent men in his day. At length, however, he traded the tavern for a farm west of Augusta, whereon he resided for about six years. About 1885 he again located in the village of Augusta, where he has since lived a retired life, occupying a pleasant home in which he is surrounded by the comforts and luxuries that go to make life worth the living.

Nine children, five daughters and four sons were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Bagby. Sarah Frances, the eldest, born June 16, 1840, is now the wife of William Moore and resides in Estherville, Iowa. She has three children, Emmet, Maud and Homer. Mary Caroline, born November 21, 1842, is the widow of William Pickens and has six children, Frank, Luella, Nettie, Ora, Bertie and William. William Wallace, born May 23, 1845, died May 5, 1878. He left one child, Edgar, who is still living. Cynthia Ellen, born October 7, 1850, is the wife of Samuel Osgood, of Ewing, Missouri, and they have the following children: George, Frederick, Harry, May, Frank, Nellie, James, Edward, Earl and Pearl, twins, and Gladys. Margaret Elizabeth, born November 22, 1848, is the widow of William Wade and they have two children, Lida and Edward. John C. had one child, Myrtie. John C. died at the age of thirty-three years. Charles F. is a farmer residing in Missouri. He has three children, Harold, William and Effie. Basil, born May 31, 1861, is a merchant of Skidmore, Mis-

souri. He has six children, Minnie, Homer, James, Addie and two others. Addie L., born January 21, 1864, is the widow of James Byrns, of Brown county, Illinois. She has three children, Edna, Harvey and Bennie.

November 29, 1898, Mr. and Mrs. Bagby celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary and on Thanksgiving day, November 29, 1906, their sixty-eighth.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bagby are members of the Christian church. In politics Mr. Bagby is a republican and for many years was a school director in Augusta township but otherwise sought or held no office, although he is a most public-spirited citizen and has been the champion of many movements which have been of direct benefit to his town and county. He and his wife reside in a pleasant home in Augusta and although he is ninety years of age he is a well preserved man, retaining his mental faculties unimpaired and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. He has never worn eyeglasses and writes a hand that few today can equal and he is able to read well by lamplight. He uses no tobacco in any form or intoxicating liquors and his good health is undoubtedly attributable largely to his abstemious habits and his life of sobriety and virtue.

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#### JOSEPH W. BOTTS.

Joseph W. Botts is the owner of a most beautiful home on St. Marys Prai-

rie and is one of the leading and influential residents of the city and county. He was born in Hancock township in 1863, and is a representative of one of the oldest pioneer families of the county, his father, Absalom Botts, having lived for seventy consecutive years in Hancock township. He was born in Boone county, Kentucky, June 7, 1828, and with his parents came to Illinois in 1836. His entire life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has contributed in large measure to the development of the county along this line. In community affairs he has also taken an active and helpful part and has served as justice of the peace, as a member of the school board, as road commissioner, as assessor, treasurer of his township and village trustee. He married Miss Sarah White, and they became the parents of six children, of whom five are living: Maria, the wife of Frank Yates, of Oklahoma; Belle, the wife of Robert Cloud, a druggist of Plymouth; Joseph W.; J. C., who wedded Verna Cannon and lives in Plymouth; and Ira, who was educated in Carthage and in Macomb, Illinois, and in the Chicago Medical College, and is now engaged in the practice of medicine in Doddsville, this state. He married Clara Wheeler. The parents continued to reside upon the old home farm until 1891, when they removed to Plymouth and for some time Mr. Botts conducted a cider and feed mill there but is now living retired. After losing his first wife he married Mrs. Rachel Crump, the widow of Dr. Morris Crump, and a sister of his first wife. Her parents were Joseph and Maria (Armstrong) White. The family has a cred-

itable military record. Mills Eelts, a great-uncle of our subject, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and the great-grandfather in the maternal line was one of the heroes of the Revolution, while Simeon, Oscar and Sidney Botts, cousins of our subject, entered the Civil war from Hancock county, while one other cousin, Sidney Botts, was a member of the Eighteenth Illinois Infantry.

In taking up the personal history of Joseph W. Botts we present to our readers the life record of one who has a wide and favorable acquaintance in Hancock county. The district schools of St. Marys township afforded him his early educational privileges and he afterward spent one term as a student in Macomb, Illinois. He then remained upon his father's farm until he had attained his majority, when he engaged in farming on his own account and has since devoted his time and energies to agricultural pursuits. In 1893 Mr. Botts wedded Mrs. Orrilla Gould, the widow of Lewis Gould. She bore the maiden name of Orrilla Johnson, and was born in St. Marys township in 1856. Her paternal grandfather was Otho Johnson, who was born February 18, 1787, and came to Illinois at a very early day, settling in St. Marys township, where the youngest brother of Mrs. Botts now lives. He married Margaret Turner, who was born August 9, 1793, and who passed away in 1838, while his death occurred September 15, 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Botts now live on the old Johnson homestead, which belonged to her parents and where her grandfather, Mr. Otho Johnson, died. Mrs. Botts is a daughter of John T. and

Marie (Wright) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Ohio, born in 1813 and 1818 respectively. They became residents of St. Marys township in 1840, and Mr. Johnson participated in the Mormon war. His death occurred in 1883, and his wife passed away in 1898. They were devoted members of St. Marys Baptist church. Of their family of ten children four are living: Hiram and Joseph, residents of Plymouth; John Nelson, of St. Marys township; and Mrs. Botts. By her first marriage Mrs. Botts had two children: John Gould, who is a mechanical engineer in St. Louis, Missouri; and Nellie Gould, who is living with her mother. The son attended Carthage College for four years and is a graduate of Cornell College at Ithaca, New York. He is a man of much ability and is now holding a responsible position in St. Louis, which reflects great credit upon his early training.

Following his marriage Mr. Botts settled on section 10, St. Marys township, where he and his wife own three hundred and sixty-eight acres of valuable land in the midst of which stands one of the finest homes in the township. It is modern in all its equipments and appointments and is most beautifully furnished, indicating the refined and cultured taste of the inmates. Mr. Botts gives his attention to general farming and is also extensively engaged in raising stock, carefully conducting his business affairs with the result that his efforts are proving very profitable. Unto the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Botts has been born one son, Paul, whose birth occurred September 15, 1895, and who is now attending

school. In his political views Mr. Botts is rather independent, voting for men and measures rather than party. He is now serving on the school board but has never sought or desired office. In 1900 he built his fine residence, which would be a credit to any city, for it contains all of the conveniences and accessories of a city home and gives every evidence of the wealth and culture of those who occupy it.

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#### ANDREW J. KETCHUM.

Andrew J. Ketchum is the well known and popular proprietor of the Wildwood farm in Augusta township, where he is successfully engaged in the breeding and raising of fine horses. His life record began on the 29th of March, 1836, the place of his nativity being near Goshen, Orange county, New York. His parents were Edmund and Jane (Curry) Ketchum. The father was born December 31, 1811, and the mother's birth occurred about 1816 or 1818. They were also natives of Orange county, where the father followed farming until 1838, when he brought his family to this county, settling in Augusta township, his home being a log cabin on the frontier. The family shared in many of the hardships and privations as well as the pleasures and opportunities incident to pioneer life, and Mr. Ketchum figured in the events which are known in history as the Mormon war. He voted with the Republican party. He passed away in 1896, being buried at

Postville, Iowa, while his wife departed this life in Chicago, at the age of thirty-six years. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom still survive, and in 1905 they held a reunion in Iowa, representing seven states. These are: Mary R., the wife of Lyonsville, of Cook county, Illinois; Andrew J.; Phineas R., living in Idaho; Eugene died at Waverly, Iowa, November 17, 1906; Amos K., of Clarion, Iowa; Stella B., the wife of William Stewart, of Fayette, Iowa; Ellen, the wife of William Marten, of Oklahoma; Florence, the wife of Fred Burling, of Postville, Iowa; and Josephine, the wife of H. Moody, of Greensburg, Indiana. The two last named were children of a second marriage.

Andrew J. Ketchum was educated in the early schools of Chicago, and also in the district schools in this state. At the age of fourteen years, however, he began to earn his own living, spending three years in the service of a horseman in Chicago and three years with a blacksmith near that city, with whom he learned the trade. He afterward followed that pursuit for one year in Pultaski, and for ten years conducted a blacksmith shop in LaPrairie, Illinois. In August, 1862, he enlisted in response to the country's call for aid, becoming a member of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until honorably discharged in September, 1865. He was in the Red river campaign, the battle of Pleasant Hill and Yellow Bayou, was with Sherman on the march to the sea and was captured in Tennessee, after which he was paroled in St. Louis. He was a brave

and loyal soldier, never faltering in the performance of any military duty, and made a record of which he has every reason to be proud as one of the defenders of the Union during the Civil war.

Soon after his return home Mr. Ketchum was married in March, 1866, to Miss Annie Sickles, who was born in Augusta township in 1844, a daughter of William and Caroline (Van Antwerp) Sickles. Her father was born in New York city in 1805, and the mother in 1822. In 1840 he became a resident of Hancock county, where they were afterward married, and in the Mormon war of 1844 they took part. He was a tailor by trade but following his removal to the middle west engaged in farming in Augusta township. He voted with the Republican party, and held membership in the United Brethren church, while his wife belonged to the Methodist church. In their family were eight children, of whom five are living: Mary, the wife of William H. Ketchum, whose home is near Durango, Colorado; Margaret, of New York; Sarah, living near St. Louis; and William, of this county. The father died in 1873 and was then laid to rest in Augusta cemetery, where his wife had slept since 1852.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum settled in LaPrairie, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for ten or twelve years, after which they located on the Sickles farm. This property he sold, however, in 1905, and in 1904 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 32, and three hundred and twenty acres on sections 33 and 34, Augusta township. He is there-

fore one of the large landowners of the county and is extensively engaged in general farming, conducting his business with excellent success. In 1905 he erected a commodious, substantial and attractive modern residence, and he also has large outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. His improvements are entirely modern and indicate the progressive spirit of the owner. He uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields and he manifests a spirit of thrift in all departments of farm work. He is, however, perhaps best known as a dealer in fine horses. He rents his land, while he gives his attention to his live stock interests, which are now very important and profitable. He raised and owns the horse, Star Alerton, 2:17¼, quite a popular horse.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ketchum have been born eight children, of whom seven are living, the second child, Ellis, having been born November 17, 1867, and died at the age of eight months. The others are as follows: Eugene, born December 10, 1866, married Iva Robbins, has one son, Frederick, lives in Adams county, Illinois. Florence, born December 13, 1868, is the wife of C. F. Tenhaeff, of LaPrairie, Illinois, and they have three sons, Arthur, Hale and Ralph. Loretta, born February 5, 1873, is the wife of Rev. Joseph Leidy, a Methodist minister preaching in Benson, Nebraska, and they have three children, Grace, Edna and Paul. Richard B., born June 10, 1875, married Lulu Pierce, and lives on the western boundary of Idaho. He is a division engineer on the Oregon Short Line Railroad and they have one son, Pierce.



Edna, born September 1, 1877, is a stenographer and typewriter at Walla Walla, Washington. Adele, born August 24, 1879, has taught school and is a graduate of the law class of 1900 of the State University, and is at home at present. She was admitted to the bar in this state in 1901. Ellen, born December 16, 1885, is a graduate of the State University and now a practicing physician at Walla Walla, Washington. Richard, also a graduate of the State University, is a civil and architectural engineer. The parents are members of the Methodist church, in which Mr. Ketchum is serving as trustee, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, while in politics he is a Bryan democrat. In manner he is genial and jovial, and these qualities make him popular with all with whom he comes in contact, and as an enterprising business man and progressive citizen and a loyal friend he is well known in the community where is extended to him the warm regard of all with whom he comes in contact.

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#### D. L. FRAZEE, D. D. S.

Dr. D. L. Frazee is the mayor of Plymouth and a most prominent citizen there. He wields a wide influence in public affairs and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial, while in his professional career he has gained more than local reputation by his able understanding of the scientific principles which underlie his work and his correct application of

his theoretical knowledge to the needs of his patrons. Born in St. Mary's township, Hancock county, in 1874, he is a son of S. G. and Eliza (Kurry) Frazee. The father's birth occurred in Hancock county, Illinois, in 1843, and the mother was born here in the same year. Mr. Frazee is a farmer by occupation and still lives upon the old homestead, which was his birthplace. Both he and his wife are leading members of the Providence Baptist church, in which he is serving as clerk and deacon. In their family are four children, of whom three are living: Mary F., now the wife of William Wintermeyer, a resident of Plymouth; Emma J., the wife of William Clary, of Coshoc-ton, Ohio; and D. L., of this review.

Dr. Frazee supplemented his early educational privileges by study in the Gem City Business College, at Quincy, and in a dental college at St. Louis. He was also a student in the dental department of the Illinois University at Chicago and entered upon the active practice of his profession in Quincy, where he remained for three years. In February, 1901, he came to Plymouth, where he has since been located and here he is enjoying a constantly increasing patronage, so that his practice is now of large extent and importance.

On the 25th of January, 1904, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Frazee and Miss Sarah Shinkle, who was born in Harmony township, Hancock county, March 27, 1876, and is a daughter of G. W. and Ruth A. (Southwick) Shinkle, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Massachusetts. The father, who was born in 1832, departed this life in 1902,

while his wife, whose birth occurred in 1839, still lives upon the old home place in Harmony township, this county. Mr. Shinkle was president of the Harmony Mutual Insurance Company at the time of his death and he had held various township offices. In his family were three children, all yet living: Mary, now the wife of J. W. Fleming, of Harmony township; George B., of the same township; and Mrs. Frazee.

Unto the Doctor and his wife has been born a daughter, Dorothy, whose birth occurred May 20, 1905. The parents are prominent socially and their own home is justly celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality. Dr. Frazee is very prominent in the public life of Plymouth, and his influence has been far-reaching, while his efforts have been of direct benefit to the city in many ways. He is a stalwart champion of the democracy and upon the party ticket has twice been elected mayor of the town, filling the position at the present time and giving his fellow citizens a public-spirited, progressive and business-like administration. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic lodge, in which he is a senior warden and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. They have a pleasant home in Plymouth and are widely and favorably known there. The Doctor is now devoting his energies to a profession wherein advancement must depend upon individual merit. It cannot be obtained through influence or purchase and by reason of his capability and broad and accurate knowledge the Doctor has gained a foremost place among the ranks of the dental fraternity of this part of the state.

### JAMES M. BRADSHAW.

Among the wealthy citizens of Hancock county, who have formerly been representatives of extensive agricultural interests, is numbered James M. Bradshaw, owner of the Prairie stock farm, which constitutes one of the valuable properties of this section of the state, comprising several hundred acres of land. He was born in the township in which he still makes his home, December 20, 1855, a son of Joel and Catherine (Dickson) Bradshaw, both natives of Tennessee, in whose family are four sons and three daughters, of whom our subject is the youngest.

James M. Bradshaw supplemented his early education, acquired in the district schools, by a course of study at the Illinois College, at Jacksonville, and later pursued a business course in a college at Jacksonville, from which he was graduated. He remained with his parents until his marriage, February 13, 1878, to Miss Tillie E. Manifold, whose birth occurred August 2, 1859, a native of Durham township, this county, and a daughter of Benjamin Jasper and Cornelia (Hutton) Manifold, natives of Tennessee and New York respectively. Her paternal grandparents were George and Mary (Persley) Manifold, while her maternal grandfather was a native of New York and bore the name of Samuel Hutton.

Following his marriage our subject located on a farm of one hundred and five acres situated on section 30, La Harpe township, on which were no improvements save a house and stable, and some fences, and altogether was in a dilapidated

and run-down condition. He at once began the work of further developing and improving his place by tilling the land, building barns and sheds for the shelter of grain and stock and in course of time placed his land under a high state of cultivation, from which he annually gathered good crops. As the years passed he prospered in his undertakings, each year adding to his financial resources, so that from time to time he increased the boundaries of his farm and enlarged the scope of his business activity. In 1894 he purchased an additional tract of one hundred and forty-five acres, located on the southwestern part of section 30, La Harpe township, being the old homestead place, and the following year removed to this place, where he has continued his residence to the present time. He has likewise improved this place and has added to it from time to time until today he is in possession of five hundred acres of valuable land all in one body and known as the Prairie stock farm. Besides this tract he owns one hundred acres on section 36, Durham township, and twenty acres on section 19, La Harpe township, which is used for pasturage. Mr. Bradshaw has set out two fine orchards, containing various kinds of fruit trees, from which he gathers good crops in their season, and he erected a large country residence, containing nine rooms, modern in all its equipments and tastefully furnished, his being one of the attractive country homes of this part of the county. This place is now occupied by his eldest son, James F. Bradshaw. The place is surrounded by a well-kept lawn, and adorned with large shade trees, so that in its neat appearance

it at once gives evidence of the thrift and capable management of the owner. He has also built several barns, corn-cribs, and other substantial outbuildings and has drilled two wells, one of which is eighty feet in depth, while the other is one hundred and ninety-one feet deep, the water in this standing to within thirty feet of the surface, and thus furnishing an abundant supply of water for use at the house as well as for the stock, in the pastures of which are seen Hereford and Polled Angus cattle and Poland China hogs. It will thus be seen that Mr. Bradshaw has led a very busy, active and useful life, which has been crowned with an unbounded measure of success, which now enables him to rest from the more arduous duties of a rural existence, for since the spring of 1906 he has left the conduct of the farm to his sons, who, owing to the careful instruction which they received from their father, are now proving valuable assistants to him in his later life. Beside his extensive landed interests, Mr. Bradshaw is also a stockholder in the Waldorf Mill and Mining Company, at Georgetown, Colorado, buying stock in December, 1903, since which time the company has been paying a good dividend.

Mr. Bradshaw is an extensive raiser of high grade cattle and hogs and is also a large feeder and shipper of stock to the Chicago markets. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of La Harpe, and is one of the directors of the bank.

Of the marriage of James M. and Tillie E. (Manifold) Bradshaw there were born two sons and a daughter, namely: Lillian, who was born in November, 1879, and died in infancy; James F., who

was born April 29, 1881, married Emma May Goodrich, of Carthage, Illinois, and has three children, James Franklin, Helen May, and Charles Wesley; and Quinton M., who was born March 29, 1887, married Bessie Maynard and has one child, Florence Tillie. Both sons are farmers and live in La Harpe township. The mother of these children passed away November 17, 1903, and on the 25th of October, 1905, Mr. Bradshaw was married again, his second union being with Ollie Blanche Kelly, who was born at Zanesville, in Muskingum county, Ohio, July 23, 1873, a daughter of Simeon and Nancy (Williams) Kelly, likewise natives of Muskingum county.

In his political views Mr. Bradshaw is a democrat but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. He has always been an energetic, industrious man, possessing strong purpose and determination, and has by his own well directed labor and close application worked his way steadily upward in the business world, for his success has been worthily won, and he is now numbered among the wealthy and influential citizens of Hancock county. He and his wife are hospitable people and their pleasant home is the favorite resort of a host of warm friends.

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#### LAWRENCE TIMASHESKE.

Lawrence Timasheske, occupying a good farm pleasantly located near Augusta, is one of the adopted sons of Amer-

ica, who came to this country from the fair land of Poland, and, improving the opportunities offered, has advanced from a humble position to one in which he is enabled to surround himself and his family with the comforts that go to make life worth living. He was born in Poland in 1845, and is a son of Caisma and Zofkar Kriskstofk Timasheske, who were likewise natives of Poland. They came to America in 1875, settling in La Salle county, Illinois, where the father followed the occupation of farming. In their family were eleven children, of whom seven are living: Andrew, Rosa, Lawrence, Mahala, Buda, Nancy and Karlof. The father died in 1901, while his wife passed away in 1886, and both were laid to rest at La Salle, Illinois.

Lawrence Timasheske acquired his education in the schools of Poland and remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, after which he served in the German army in France and Germany from 1871. The year 1873 witnessed his emigration to the new world. He settled upon a farm in Iowa, and in 1874 he located in Augusta, where for some time he was employed by a Mr. Dexter. In 1876 he chose a companion and helpmate for life's journey, being married in that year to Miss Martha Woods, who was born in Hancock county, Illinois, July 31, 1855, a daughter of the Rev. Joseph and Orlena (Kirk) Woods, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. They came at an early day to Illinois, and in their family were seventeen children. In the family of the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Timasheske there were five sons

who were ministers of the gospel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Woods were born nine children: Martha, now the wife of our subject; Susan, the wife of George Holt, of Augusta; Emma, the wife of Herbert Woods, of Galesburg; Amanda, the wife of Thomas Cain, of Basco, Illinois; Jennie, the wife of Charles Knott, of Basco, Illinois; Belle, at home; James, residing in Griggsville, Illinois; William, living in Kansas City, Missouri; and Melvin, of Augusta, this county. Mr. Woods died in 1905, and was buried in Plymouth, where his widow still resides.

For seven years after his marriage Mr. Timasheske resided upon a farm near Augusta and then removed to the farm whereon he now lives, purchasing two hundred and forty acres of good land on sections 16 and 17. He has greatly improved and enlarged the home since that time and has made many other substantial additions to the farm in the way of good buildings. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and each year he derives from his labors a goodly living, owing to his careful management and well directed efforts. Unto him and his wife have been born three children: Etta and Effie, twins, born in 1878; and Damon, born in 1886. All were born in Augusta township. Effie is the wife of Arland Webster, who resides near Bowen, Illinois. Damon wedded Dollie Dexter, and lives in Augusta township. Mr. Timasheske came to America a poor boy, but he readily adapted himself to the changed conditions of the new world, mastered the language and has worked his way upward through his energy and ability, stimulated by a laudable ambition. He has

also been greatly assisted by his estimable wife, who has indeed been a faithful companion and helpmate to him on life's journey. In the early days of his residence in this country he was very lonesome and strongly desired to return to his native land, but he persisted in his purpose of establishing a new home in the new world and is today most loyal in his patriotism for his adopted country, where he has found good opportunities that have led to his success. Mr. Timasheske has recently purchased residence property in Augusta and now resides in that place.

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#### HENRY FARNWALT BLACK.

To win the respect of one's fellowmen is to live worthily and to enjoy the friendship of those with whom he comes in contact and is an indication of consideration and kindness on the part of the individual for his fellowmen. Such was the career of Henry Farnwalt Black, who did much to promote the good and prosperity of his county, while advancing his private business interests. Viewed in any relation of life his was an honorable career and one of which his family have every reason to be proud. He was born in Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1823, and was there reared to manhood, coming to the west in 1849 when about twenty-six years of age. He spent some time in Galena, Illinois, after which he made his

way to the pineries of Wisconsin, and was there engaged in the lumber business for six years. In 1857 he located in Dallas City, Illinois, and the following year removed his family to his new home. He continued in the lumber business in this place for thirty years, or until 1888, when on account of failing health he retired. In 1890 he removed to Ness City, Kansas, where he built a grain warehouse and was furthermore connected with the commercial and financial interests of that place as president of the First National Bank. At length, however, failing health compelled him to retire from business altogether. His life was one of activity and enterprise, however, and his careful management and keen discrimination in business affairs combined with his diligence and close application resulted in the acquirement of a very handsome competence, so that he was enabled to leave his family in most comfortable circumstances.

On the 15th of October, 1851, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Mary Newel Bliss, at Warrensville, Du Page county, Illinois, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. Silas Tucker. Mrs. Black was born in Berkshire county, Massachusetts, June 15, 1829, a daughter of Moses and Polly (Carpenter) Bliss. In the maternal line she was descended from ancestors who fought in the Revolutionary war, while her father was a soldier of the war of 1812. Mr. Bliss came west with his family when his daughter, Mrs. Black, was but ten years of age, and the days of her girlhood were passed in Warrensville. An ideal marriage relation existed be-

tween herself and her husband, their mutual love and confidence increasing as the years went by. They had the rare privilege of celebrating their golden wedding at their old home in Dallas City, which was then and is still occupied by their daughter, Mrs. Charles Savage Shipman. Almost another year of happy wedded life was vouchsafed to them but on the 18th of September, 1902, Mr. Black at his home in Ness City, Kansas, departed this life. His remains were brought back to Dallas City for interment and he had so endeared himself to the people of this place and Hancock county that his death was the occasion of uniform regret wherever he was known. He was truly a self-made man, for his parents died when he was quite young and he was then thrown upon his own resources. As the years passed by his watchfulness of opportunity and his utilization of the resources at his command enabled him to make steady progress in the business world and each forward step brought him a broader outlook and brighter opportunities. For many years he controlled prosperous business interests and thus left to his family a handsome inheritance, but moreover he gave to them as a priceless heritage an untarnished name. In his home he was a tender and devoted husband and a loving father. He was faithful as a friend and was generous to a fault but his benevolence was of such a quiet and unostentatious character that many times only the recipients of his bounty were conscious of it. He indeed in spirit and truth followed the admonition not to let his left hand know what his right hand had done. His life work was filled with many deeds

of kindness and acts of mercy which endeared him to all who knew him.

As the years passed by six children were added to the household of Mr. and Mrs. Black, but only two are now living. William Henry, the eldest, died at the age of two years. Benjamin F., deceased, was the second in the family, and made his home in Dallas, where he died December 19, 1905. Harry and Catherine Farnwalt were twins, and the former died at the age of two and a half years, while the latter is the wife of Charles S. Shipman, of Dallas City, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Philo Carpenter, who died at the age of twenty-nine years, was a graduate of Yale College and of the Columbia Law School of New York. He practiced law in Ness City, Kansas, where he was elected county attorney, but he died at the old family home in Dallas City, Illinois, October 29, 1889. He had been attending the Triennial Masonic Conclave at Washington, D. C., and stopping at his old home here he passed away at the comparatively early age of twenty-nine years, and was laid to rest in Dallas cemetery. Mary C., the youngest of the family, is the wife of Samuel Bennett, of Ness City, Kansas. She was born in Dallas, January 9, 1862, and was educated at Rockford, Illinois, and in New York city, being a graduate of one of the best schools of the eastern metropolis. In her girlhood days she was a schoolmate of Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, and acted as her bridesmaid, since which time she has entertained Mrs. Bryan in her own home. On the 29th of February, 1888, Mary C. Black gave her hand in marriage to George Burton, and

after his death she was married December 25, 1904, at the home of Mrs. B. F. Black, in Dallas City, to Samuel Bennett, a lumber and grain merchant of Ness City, Kansas. Mrs. Bennett went into the First National Bank of Ness City, working for a salary of ten dollars per month. She acted in that capacity for a year, and at the end of the second year bought out the owner of the bank and is now the largest stockholder and also president. She is also vice president of the bank at Ransom, Kansas, and owns a cattle ranch in that state. She is widely recognized as a thorough and capable business woman. She has been regent of a chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at Topeka, Kansas, and is going to organize a chapter in Ness City. Mr. and Mrs. Black were charter members of the Congregational church in Dallas City, which was established in 1859, and Mrs. Black is now the only surviving charter member. For many years her husband was deacon in the church and for a quarter of a century was Sunday-school superintendent. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party but he never aspired to office. As a private citizen, however, he did much for public progress and for civic virtue and ever co-operated in any movement that was instituted for the public good. His life was honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and his motives pure and upright. Mrs. Black shared with her husband in all of his good work and is of a kindly disposition, her many good qualities having endeared her to all who know her. She has ever been deeply thoughtful of others and possesses a ready

tact which arises only from true sympathy. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Shipman, of Dallas, and with her daughter, Mrs. Bennett, of Ness City, Kansas.

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### BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON.

Benjamin F. Johnson, deceased, was one of the most distinguished residents of Hancock county, not alone on account of the splendid success he achieved and which made him owner of twenty-three hundred acres of land, but also on account of his spirit of benevolence and philanthropy which prompted his bequest to found and maintain a school in La Harpe. In this he builded to his memory a monument more enduring than any of bronze or stone, for as long as the institution endures, its founder will be honored by those who have benefited by his benefaction.

Tracing back the ancestry of the family, it is found that early representatives of the name lived in New England in colonial days. His father, Joseph Johnson, who was born in Maine, in 1791, died January 12, 1880, at a very venerable age. He was married to Miss Betsey Mussic, who was born in Maine, and died April 16, 1876. In 1836 they came west, journeying in the slow stages of water travel, and after reaching St. Louis, proceeded up the river to Warsaw, and thence across the country to La Harpe, where they conducted a hotel for a number of years.

Mr. Johnson was a thrifty, hard-working man and accumulated considerable property, being considered a wealthy man at the time of his death. Unto him and his wife were born six children: Edwin R., born March 22, 1814, died August 29, 1835. A son died in infancy. Mrs. Harriet O. Hughes, born December 25, 1816, died January 17, 1901. Augusta, wife of Daniel Garner, was born March 24, 1819, and died August 8, 1842. Mrs. Mary W. Wood, born March 18, 1821, died in Denver, Colorado, December 23, 1899. Joseph, born March 15, 1823, left home for the southwest to buy land, when a young man and is supposed to have been murdered.

Benjamin F. Johnson, whose name begins this article was born in Maine, January 18, 1825, and came to Illinois with his parents when ten years of age. He was a student in the La Harpe schools, for four years, after which he put aside his text-books and gave his entire attention to work on his father's farm. At the age of sixteen he became an apprentice in his brother-in-law's blacksmith shop and worked there until about 1846, when he went to California, where for several years he was engaged in sheep-raising. He returned to La Harpe a wealthy man and invested his money in farm land and stock. His first farm consisted of three hundred and twenty acres adjoining the village of Colusa, to which place he gave the name. He continued adding to his original purchase until at his death he was the owner of over twenty-three hundred acres in various parts of Hancock county. He also raised large herds of Jersey cattle and many mules, but would



never have hogs upon his place. He made his second trip to California in 1852, again going overland, and in later years he made another trip with his wife, this time traveling by rail. He remained for a year in the Golden state and then returned to La Harpe. About 1890 he retired from active business and built a home in La Harpe, where he remained until his death.

Although he left school when quite young Mr. Johnson was always a great reader and thus became one of the best educated men in his township, possessing a wonderfully retentive memory. He was never an office seeker but was repeatedly elected supervisor of his township and during his long term of service never missed a meeting of the board. He lived and loved a strenuous life and his spacious farm, with its orchards, gardens, lawns and fine buildings, was a model of comfort and utility. When thus surrounded by all that goes to make life worth living he met with an accident which rendered him a cripple. While driving home with a load of lumber, the wagon overturned and he was crushed beneath the load, his hip being badly injured.

Having secured a legal separation from his wife Mr. Johnson, after several years, married Mrs. Phoebe Green, who still survives him. That marriage was celebrated October 19, 1874. She was born in La Harpe township, April 26, 1839, and was educated in the public schools. Her parents were John and Flora L. (Otman) Sperry, natives of Ohio, where they were married, and then, in company with their parents they came to this

county, casting in their lot with the early settlers of La Harpe township. After operating a rented farm for several years they removed to La Harpe where Mr. Sperry resumed work at the gunsmith's trade, conducting a shop for a number of years. Mr. Johnson, after a gradual decline, lasting about a year, passed away February 18, 1906, leaving a widow and one daughter by his former marriage—Mrs. Clara (Johnson) Laswell, for whom he liberally provided through the terms of his will during their lifetime. His philanthropic spirit was manifest in his generous gift of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the maintenance of a school in La Harpe, the tuition of which must be free. What more fitting monument to the life of one who was himself deprived of liberal educational advantages and yet always had the utmost interest in the schools and a high appreciation of their value as one of the bulwarks of the nation.

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M. E. RANDALL.

M. E. Randall, who is engaged extensively in buying, feeding and shipping stock, resides in Augusta township, and it was in this township that he was born in 1864, his parents being John and Sarah E. (Graham) Randall, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in 1828, and the latter in 1838. Choosing agricultural pursuits as a life work John Randall was thus engaged in

Ohio until 1850, when he came to Illinois and made permanent location in Hancock county. In 1852 he settled in Augusta township, living first in a log cabin and it was in such a pioneer home that the birth of M. E. Randall occurred. The father usually voted for the republican candidates but was rather independent in his political views and affiliation and frequently cast his ballot for the men whom he regarded as best qualified for office at local elections. He belonged to the Methodist church, was active in the extension of its influence and served as one of its trustees. He died in 1900 and was buried in Augusta cemetery, while his widow still lives, a resident of Bowen, Illinois. In their family were five children: James, deceased; Hannah, who died in infancy; Laura B., the wife of Benjamin Garwood, of California; M. E.; and Mary F., the wife of R. J. Wilson, who lives near Augusta.

In the district schools M. E. Randall began his education and subsequently became a high school student in Augusta, leaving that institution only two weeks before graduation. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age and gave active assistance to his father in the work of the home farm. Following his marriage he purchased the old homestead, locating on sections 7 and 18, Augusta township, and comprising one hundred and eighty acres of land. He also owns eighty acres on section 8, and forty acres on section 16, thus cultivating altogether three hundred acres. He raises considerable stock, and also buys and feeds, shipping from seven to nine carloads of stock annually, his mar-

ket being Chicago. On one of his farms is a fine substantial brick residence, together with other modern improvements.

In 1890 was celebrated the marriage of M. E. Randall and Miss Katie Kinnear, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1871, and is a daughter of J. W. and Susan Kinnear, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. The father came to Hancock county with his family in 1885, settling in Augusta township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Randall was born one child, who died at the age of twenty months, and the mother also died about a year after her marriage, and was laid to rest in Augusta cemetery. In 1896 Mr. Randall wedded Miss Cora Hale, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, in 1868, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Bartlow) Hale, both of whom were natives of Schuyler county. They were married in 1847, and Mrs. Hale who was born October 27, 1826, died August 24, 1887, while Mr. Hale, whose birth occurred in 1825, died in 1897. Both were buried in Schuyler county. His political support was given to the democracy. In their family were eight children, of whom four are living: Letha, the widow of George Ross, of Augusta township; Jesse, of Schuyler county; Sarah, the wife of John Dewese, of Hamilton, Illinois; Cora, now Mrs. Randall. By the second marriage of our subject there are two sons: Claude, born June 5, 1897; and Chellis, November 18, 1900.

Mr. Randall votes for the best men rather than for party. He has served as school director and is interested in many progressive measures. He was elected to

the school board the day after he attained his majority and has served in that capacity to the present time. He is also secretary of the Hancock County Telephone Company and secretary and treasurer of the Illinois State Alliance, of which he served as president for two years. His acquaintance in this county is wide and favorable, for he has spent almost his entire life here and both he and his wife are esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He represents one of the old families of the county, his father having lived here during the period of the Mormon war, in which he was much interested. Many changes in the county have occurred during the years of the son's connection therewith and he has not only been a witness of its growth and progress but has co-operated in many movements which have had direct bearing upon its welfare.

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#### ROBERT NETHERY.

Robert Nethery, deceased, was a man of such genuine worth of character as to make his death the occasion for deepest regret wherever he was known. For many years he resided in Hancock county and is classed among the men of the past and present who have contributed to general progress and improvement here by upholding the legal and political status of the community and advancing its material, intellectual and moral progress. His parents were James and Mary (Wilson) Nethery, natives of Ireland, in

which country the father died. The son was there born in June, 1855, and when thirteen years of age came with his mother to the United States, the family home being established on a farm in Indiana. The mother died about fifteen years ago, passing away in Nebraska. In the family were ten children, of whom six are living: Eliza, married William Wilson and resides in Indiana; Mrs. Maria Stewart, of Ireland; Margaret, the widow of James Nethery, of Ireland; William, of Wyoming; Thomas, of Nebraska; and Matilda, the wife of James Holpa, also of Nebraska.

Robert Nethery began his education in the district schools of Ireland and continued his studies in Indiana. In his youth his time was also devoted largely to farm labor, as he assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home property in Indiana, remaining with his mother until his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated on the 1st of January, 1883, when he won the hand of Miss Rebecca Singleton, who was born in Hancock county, Illinois, a daughter of George and Rebecca (Wilson) Singleton. Mrs. Nethery was born in March, 1856. Her parents were both natives of Ireland, and in early life came to America, being married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, about 1850. The father was a farmer by occupation, and in the spring of 1853 came to Hancock county, where he purchased a farm near Adrian. There he carried on business as a general farmer and stock-raiser, remaining a respected and prominent resident of that locality until his death, which occurred in November, 1890. His wife

survived him for ten years, departing this life in November, 1900, and both were buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. Mr. Singleton was a republican in his political views and served on the school board, being a warm friend of the cause of education but he did not care for office. Both parents were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Singleton filled several official positions therein. In the family were seven children, and with the exception of the eldest all were born in Hancock county and all are yet living, as follows: Anna, who was born in Philadelphia, and is the wife of John Bailey, a resident of Colusa, Illinois; Margaret, who is living at the old home near Adrain; Thomas, also living at Adrain; Elmira, the wife of Perry Hubbard, of Colusa, Illinois; George, living at Adrain; and William, who lives at Nauvoo and is in the State Bank there.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nethery located on a farm in Indiana, where they remained for three years, and in 1886 they came to Hancock county, Illinois, settling on a farm east of Colusa, where they lived for ten years, and which Mr. Nethery improved according to modern methods of agriculture. He afterward removed to Carthage township, where he made his home upon the farm for three years, and in 1899 he took up his abode in the city of Carthage, where he erected a beautiful residence on Main street. He and his wife planned their town residence and it is a very convenient and attractive home. Mr. Nethery continued to reside in the county seat until his demise, which occurred January 19, 1903, his remains being interred in Moss

Ridge cemetery. He voted with the Republican party, and as every true American citizen should do, kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day but he did not desire office as a reward for party fealty. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs and was deeply interested in church work and its various activities. In a review of his life it will be seen that he was a man of untiring industry and enterprise and that his own energy, ambition and honesty constituted the foundation upon which he builded the superstructure of his success. In addition to the home place in Carthage he left to his family one hundred and sixty acres of good farm land well improved, in Carthage township, and Mrs. Nethery also owns a quarter section and another tract of eighty acres in Prairie township, together with two hundred acres of land in Dallas township. Three of the eighty-acre tracts were inherited by her from her father. She also owns a lot and two houses, which she rents, in the south part of Carthage.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nethery were born two sons, twins, James W. and George W., both in the high school. Mrs. Nethery is a lady of quiet, courteous demeanor, greatly beloved by her old neighbors in the country and also in Carthage. She is held in high esteem by all with whom she has come in contact and she is a representative of one of the prominent and honored pioneer families of the county. Her landed possessions are now extensive and valuable and bring to her a handsome income, enabling her to enjoy all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

## LEWIS F. MILLER.

Lewis F. Miller, who follows the occupation of farming near Bowen, his home being in Chili township, was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, in 1864, a son of August and Dora (Yaap) Miller. The parents were both natives of Prussia. The father born in 1828, and the mother's birth occurred in 1837. He devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and on coming to the United States in 1861, settled in Littleton, Schuyler county, Illinois. His political support was given to the Republican party and he remained one of its stanch champions until his death, which occurred in 1901, his remains being interred at Littleton. His widow still survives. In their family were nine children, of whom five are yet living: Paulina, the wife of Andrew Hughes, a resident of Schuyler county, Illinois; August, living at Table Grove, this state; Lewis, of this review; Frank, of Littleton, Illinois; and Laura, at home.

The public school system of Schuyler county afforded to Mr. Miller of this review his educational privileges and he remained upon the old homestead until he had attained his majority, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors of the home farm. He was married January 1, 1889, to Miss Mary Burrows, whose birth occurred in Vermont, Illinois, in 1867, her parents being Benjamin and Rachel Ann (Dawson) Burrows, natives of Illinois. Her father, however, represented an old Pennsylvania family and by trade was a carpenter, which pursuit he followed in order to provide for his family that numbered two children, the

elder being Malinda, the wife of James Sloan, who resides at Long Beach, California.

For ten years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived upon a farm in Schuyler county, and in 1899 removed to Chili township, Hancock county, where he purchased one hundred and twenty acres lying on section 21. This was a well improved property and he has carried on the work of further development, being numbered among the able and prosperous general farmers and stock-raisers. His live stock interests are an important branch of his business and contribute largely to his annual revenue. He deserves considerable credit for what he has acquired and the success to which he has attained in a business world, for he was in limited financial circumstances at the time of his marriage and is now comfortably situated in life.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born two children but they lost one. Their surviving son is Guy, who was born on the 15th of November, 1899, and is now a student in the high school of Bowen. Mr. Miller is a Mason in his fraternal relations and he and his wife are faithful and consistent members of the Christian church. His political support is given to the Republican party and he has served as road commissioner, while since attaining his majority he has been a member of the school board. Both he and his wife are people of genuine personal worth with a wide and favorable acquaintance in Chili township. Both belong to the Order of the Eastern Star and while they have many friends within that organization they are also greatly

esteemed by those who know them outside of the lodge.

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### JAMES EATON JOHNSTON, M. D.

Dr. James Eaton Johnston, who in the practice of medicine and osteopathy has become recognized as one whose labors have been of the utmost value to the people of his locality, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 28, 1845, a son of James E. and Cynthia (Belfield) Johnston. The father's birth occurred in Glasgow, Scotland, in September, 1812, while the mother was born in Nottingham, England, in 1814. Mr. Johnson was a millwright by trade and operated a planing mill. He also operated the first machine that ever made tongued and grooved flooring. He was a leading witness in the famous Woodworth-Planer patent right infringement case, in which Rufus Choate was the most prominent attorney and in his plea brought tears to the eyes of all who heard him. Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston came to America in childhood, the former locating in Philadelphia, and the latter in Baltimore. Removing to the west they resided in Springfield, Illinois, from 1855 until 1860, when they went to St. Louis, Missouri, where Mr. Johnston was connected with lumber interests being foreman of various large planing mills. His wife died in Keokuk, Iowa, in 1876, while his death occurred in St. Louis, in 1878. He was a man of intense patriotism and did great good as a home-guard in St. Louis

at the time of the Civil war. He was outspoken in defense of the Union and did everything in his power to support the cause. His wife held membership with the Presbyterian church and was a most earnest christian woman. In their family were five children: James E.; Wilfred Hall, who died at the age of two years; Jane and Anna M. E. who are living in Chicago, the latter being bookkeeper for a large barrel and stave business in that city; and Walter Lincoln, who resides in Portland, Oregon, and is credit man and bookkeeper of John Deere Plow Company, of Moline, Illinois, who have a branch at Portland.

Dr. Johnston attended the public schools of Springfield, Illinois, and when but a youth of sixteen years he enlisted at St. Louis, Missouri, in the hospital corps, for a period of one year, serving as nurse and surgeon's assistant and being the youngest of one hundred employes in the City General Hospital, at the corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets in St. Louis, where he remained for sixteen months. During that time he was detailed as nurse on the steamer, D. A. January, which was fitted up by patriotic citizens of St. Louis and sent with supplies to Grant's army at Vicksburg. He returned with some twelve hundred sick and wounded on the boat. He afterward remained in the hospital much of the time until the expiration of his term. He had always had a desire to take up the study of medicine and his hospital experience strengthened this. While in the government service he had to dress wounds under a physician's instruction, having a regular number of patients. At one time the hospital

was in great danger of fire but he and three or four others quickly extinguished the flames without creating any excitement among the patients—an incident which displayed his ability as one well fitted to deal with emergencies. He, however, was severely burned on his hands. Before the war closed he enlisted in the Missouri Militia for home guard duty and was thus engaged for two years. In the second year the troops were sent out after Price. Subsequently he remained in St. Louis and assisted his father in business and also attended a commercial college there.

On the 17th of December, 1867, Dr. Johnson went to Keokuk, Iowa, where for a year and a half he was employed as time keeper and assistant bookkeeper on the government canal. Leaving there he immediately accepted a position as shipping clerk and later bill clerk, of the Des Moines Valley Railroad, at Keokuk, and during sixteen years was in the employ of railroads there, holding responsible positions, most of the time as local cashier, handling large amounts of money. In 1889 he was enabled to carry out his long cherished desire of preparing for the practice of medicine, and he was graduated from the Chicago Homeopathic College, in March, 1891. He located for practice at Hammond, Indiana, where he remained for one and a half years, at the end of which time he took up the study of osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, since which time he has practiced along that line. He spent a brief period in St. Louis, and in July, 1895, located in Warsaw, being the only osteopathic practitioner in Warsaw. As the years have

come and gone he has done much for humanity as a practitioner, employing both homeopathy and osteopathy in his efforts to alleviate human suffering. He was very successful and his cures in the latter department of the healing art seem almost miraculous, and during 1900 he pursued a post-graduate course in Chicago. On the 26th of April, 1905, he received the Ad Eundem degree from the Hahnemann Medical College, of that city. He is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Societies of Chicago, State of Indiana and State of Illinois, and is constantly broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency through reading and investigation.

On the 7th of November, 1882, Dr. Johnston was married to Miss Mary A. Williams, a native of Warsaw, and a daughter of Captain John R. and Angelina A. Williams. They have no children of their own but are rearing a nephew, who is now eight years of age. Dr. and Mrs. Johnston are members of the Presbyterian church and in politics he has always been a stalwart republican. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and for eight years has been clerk of the Woodman camp, No. 340, holding a certificate of efficiency from the head camp clerk of Woodmen. He is a man of kindly disposition, generous almost to a fault and has the reputation in his community of living for others. He possesses a cheery manner and a disposition that enables him to shed around him much of the sunshine of life and he has always been most helpful to those with whom he has come in contact. While in the railroad service he was instrumental

in starting more than a half dozen youths upon the upward road and they are now occupying honorable positions in connection with railroad work. He also educated and reared his younger brother, who is now occupying a good position in Portland, Oregon. He has also worked for the general improvement of his town and community and is secretary of the Warsaw Improvement Association. He has been correspondent to various newspapers and in this connection has become well known. He was for a number of years medical examiner of Warsaw camp, No. 340, Modern Woodmen of America, and is at the present time medical examiner of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, of Newark, New Jersey. A man of liberal views, of advanced ideas, and of broad humanitarian principles, he is always preaching in his life work the gospel of good cheer, of advancement and progress, and no man is more honored or more deserving the respect of his fellow citizens than Dr. James E. Johnston.

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#### ADOLPH SIEGRIST.

Adolph Siegrist, deceased, was for many years one of the prominent representatives of agricultural interests in Appanoose township, and his death was deeply deplored by his many friends throughout Hancock county, as well as by the members of his own household. He was a native of Switzerland, his natal year being 1841. He was a son of Ru-

dolph and Mary (Amsler) Siegrist, who emigrated from the land of the Alps to America at an early day, settling first in Ohio, where they remained for a few years and then removed to Nauvoo, Illinois.

Adolph Siegrist was but a young lad when he was brought by his parents from the old country to Illinois. He entered the common schools during the residence of his parents in Ohio and attended school to some extent after the removal to Nauvoo. In 1863, however, in response to the country's call for aid during the Civil war he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company A, Second Regiment of Illinois Artillery, and going to the front he served until the close of hostilities, having been a loyal and faithful soldier.

Upon his return from the war he returned to the home farm, where he assisted his father in the operation of the farm until his marriage, November 15, 1872, to Miss Theresia Klinglemiller, a native of Austria, born December 29, 1850, a daughter of Wolfgang and Elizabeth (Sachhuver) Klingmiller. Her parents came to Nauvoo in 1853 from Jonesboro, where they had spent the winter previous, having come to that city from their native land. The father bought a farm in Sonora township, on which he located, and here his death occurred in June, 1894, while his wife had died many years before, she having passed away in 1854, the year after their arrival in Illinois.

Following his marriage Mr. Siegrist located on land in Appanoose township, which he rented, of which twenty acres



was situated on section 23, and forty acres on section 26, making in all a tract of sixty acres. He rented this tract for about six years, and at the end of that time, having prospered in his agricultural interests, he was enabled to purchase the farm, and here he continued his farming operations until his death, which occurred November 11, 1888, from paralysis, which was contracted during his service in the army. Unto him and his wife had been born seven sons and two daughters, as follows: Carl Henry, of Appanoose township; John, a resident of Lee county, Iowa; Ida, the wife of Albert Nestle, living on her father's old home property; Joseph, at home; William, of Niota, Illinois; Minnie, Edward, Charles and Walter, twins, all at home with their mother.

In his political views Mr. Siegrist was an earnest republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party yet not active as an office seeker. In his religious faith he was a Lutheran, while his fraternal relations were with the Grand Army of the Republic, at Niota. He was a man of upright and honorable principles, ever loyal in citizenship and faithful to the ties of friendship, and thus his death was the occasion of deep regret throughout the community in which he had so long lived and labored.

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#### HIRAM KOONTZ.

Hiram Koontz, deceased, who, coming to Hancock county at an early day, opened

up a new farm which he developed and cultivated successfully for many years, was born in Portage county, Ohio, December 14, 1841, his parents being William and Catherine (Stanbaugh) Koontz. The father was a farmer and plasterer and came to Illinois in the early '50s, settling at Camden, Schuyler county, where they lived for many years. There the mother died in August, 1876, while the father's death occurred in Astoria, this state, in 1889. Both were members of the United Brethren church. Their family numbered sixteen children, of whom three are living: William, a resident of Camden; Dora, the wife of Joseph Dunham, of Pittsfield, Illinois; and David, of East St. Louis, Illinois.

Hiram Koontz was a young lad at the time of the parents' removal to Illinois and his education was largely acquired in the public schools of Camden. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the farm and remained with his parents until nearly twenty-one years of age. He spent a year and a half in St. Louis, Missouri, where he learned the trade of a broom maker and later he engaged in farming for a year or more at Camden. On the expiration of that period he settled on a farm on sections 10 and 11 in Augusta township, which he purchased from his father, comprising two hundred and one and a half acres of land that was then covered with timber. He cut away the trees, took out the stumps and placed all of the improvements upon the property, transferring it from a wild tract into one of rich fertility, from which he annually gathered goods crops. He was a general

farmer, carrying on his business with good success. In his work he displayed close application and unremitting diligence, which are always substantial elements upon which to build prosperity.

On the 30th of May, 1874, Mr. Koontz was married to Miss Ethalinda Miller, who was born in Millwood, Knox county, Ohio, December 8, 1849, a daughter of Michael H. and Mary Ann (Garrett) Miller. Her father was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1819, and died in Dallas City, Illinois, March 26, 1906, at the age of eighty-seven years. In early life he learned the tailor's trade and visited every state in the Union before settling at Millwood, Ohio. He wedded Miss Mary A. Garrett, September 19, 1843, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom two died in infancy, the others being: William A., now of La Harpe, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of Marion Walker, of Dallas City; Ethalinda, now Mrs. Koontz; Jacob, who resides in Dallas City; and Anna, the wife of L. K. Symmonds, of Dallas township. In 1854 Mr. Miller removed with his family from Ohio to Dallas City, Illinois. He had previously served as postmaster and coroner at Millwood and his political allegiance was given to the democracy. In Dallas City he filled the office of justice of the peace. He likewise had a military record, having been appointed captain of Company C, of the First Rifles of the Second Brigade during the Mexican war but the command was never sent to the front. In 1902 he was converted and baptized. His wife, who was born in Martinsburg, Knox county, Ohio, in 1826, was a

daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schaffner) Garrett, in whose family were ten children, of whom two are living, Mrs. Miller, and William, who resides in the Indian Territory. Mr. and Mrs. Miller lived together as man and wife for sixty-two years and at his death he left a widow, twenty grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was buried in Dallas City cemetery and thus departed this life a good man honored by everyone wherever known.

Mr. and Mrs. Koontz became the parents of seven children, all of whom were born on the farm in Augusta township, where she now resides. These are: William, born July 30, 1875; Clara, December 24, 1876; Lottie M., June 25, 1879; Laura Ellen, January 18, 1881; Lewis H., January 7, 1883; Daisy E., October 20, 1884; and Jesse A., July 3, 1888. Of this number three have passed away. All were educated at Augusta and the living members of the family are yet at home.

Mr. Koontz voted with the Republican party and regarded it as the duty as well as the privilege of every American citizen to cast a ballot in support of the measures which he deemed most conducive to good government. He did not seek nor desire office, however, as a reward for party fealty. He held membership in the Methodist church of Augusta, of which his wife was also a devoted member and his christian faith was one of the strong elements in his life. Moreover he was a most enterprising man who worked hard and long in order to secure a good home for his family, and at his death, which occurred on the 19th of Au-

gust, 1889, he was enabled to leave to his family a comfortable competence. He was respected and esteemed wherever known and most of all was best liked where best known—a fact which indicates that his life was upright and honorable. He had many friends who as well as his wife and children deeply regretted his death. Mrs. Koontz still lives upon the home farm and owns two hundred and forty-one and a half acres of excellent land, from which she derives a good income. She likewise owns town property in Plymouth and she is devoting her life to the careful rearing of her family who are a credit to her name.

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#### S. H. ALDRIDGE.

S. H. Aldridge, filling the position of postmaster at Plymouth, is also engaged in the insurance and real estate business, and as an official and business man has made a creditable record. He was born in Windsor, Shelby county, Illinois, March 23, 1857, and is a son of Dr. Hugh Hunter and Mary Jane (Harlan) Aldridge. The ancestry can be traced back to Geoffrey Aldridge, who wedded Mary Jones, a lady of Irish birth. His paternal grandfather, Joel Aldridge, was born in Petersburg, Virginia, February 22, 1794, and wedded Mary Ann Hunter, also of that place, on the 24th of April, 1816. They were farming people, and in 1830 removed to Kentucky, whence in 1835 they went to Macoupin county, Illinois. Dr. H. H. Aldridge was born in

Petersburg, Virginia, February 6, 1817, and was reared in Kentucky. He came to Illinois when about twenty-one years of age, and engaged in carpentering in Macoupin county. He was married in Sangamon county, Illinois, in 1848, to Miss Mary Jane Harlan, who was born in that county, and it was subsequent to his marriage that he took up the study of medicine and engaged in its practice. He lost his first wife in 1863, and later he married Miss Elizabeth Edwards, a native of Illinois, whose father was county clerk of Coles county, this state. By the first marriage there were six children, of whom four are now living: Hattie, the wife of James A. Price, who is living near Windsor, Illinois; Illinois L., the wife of John P. Rose, who also resides near Windsor; S. H., of this review; and Georgia M., who is a trained nurse in Brooklyn, New York. Unto Dr. Aldridge by his second marriage there were born four daughters: Florence N., Ina M., Adella M., and Sue D., only one of whom, Florence N., who is Mrs. W. B. Brown, of Woods county, Oklahoma, with whom the mother is now living.

S. H. Aldridge acquired his education in the public schools of his native town and afterward became connected with the drug trade there, in which he continued until about eighteen years ago, when he came to Plymouth. Here he established a drug store, conducting the business until 1897, when he was appointed postmaster of Plymouth, in which capacity he has since served, having been reappointed. He has also engaged in the insurance and real estate business, and as a land agent has secured a good clientage.

In 1885 Mr. Aldridge was united in marriage to Miss Maude M. Flowers, who was born in Ohio, in 1857, a daughter of Benjamin Flowers, who was a native of Ohio. The father was a miller, farmer and engineer, and lived and died in Windsor, Illinois. His family numbered five children, of whom four are living: Hattie, now a resident of Ohio; Lella, the wife of Amos Messer, an ex-sheriff of Coles county, Illinois, and a retired farmer; Mrs. Aldridge; Lydia, the wife of George McCain, who is part owner of an elevator in Coles county, Illinois; and Augustus, who is clerking in Mattoon, this state. The death of Mrs. Aldridge occurred in July, 1887, and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Windsor. She left one daughter, Maude E. Aldridge, who was graduated in June, 1906, from the Plymouth high school. On Thanksgiving day of 1892, Mr. Aldridge was married to Miss Lena Parker, who was born in Ohio, in 1870, and is a daughter of Willis and Eliza Parker, natives of Ohio. Her father is now deceased, and the mother spends a part of her time with Mrs. Aldridge, who is the youngest of a family of five children, the others being: Etta, the wife of L. V. Brown, of Plymouth; Nora, the wife of DeForest Hubbard, of Chicago; Ambrose, living in Richmond, Indiana; and Raleigh, a resident of Logansport, Indiana. By his second marriage Mr. Aldridge has had two children, both born in Plymouth; Murrel, who was four years of age in July, 1906, and Maurine, who was two years of age in December, 1906. Mrs. Aldridge is a member of the Congregational church. Theirs is a pleasant and attractive resi-

dence on Virginia street in Plymouth, and Mr. Aldridge is one of the prominent men of the town, taking an active interest in all that pertains to its growth, development and substantial improvement. He possesses a generous spirit and kindly disposition, and is recognized as a man of much ability.

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#### TRUMAN PLANTZ.

Truman Plantz, a resident of Warsaw and engaged in the practice of law, was born in Fulton county, New York, November 17, 1860, and came to Warsaw at the age of six years.

His parents were Peter W. and Jeannette (Higbee) Plantz, who removed with their family to this state, where they resided for many years and here the father died in 1896, at the age of seventy-eight years. Peter W. Plantz was an attorney, practicing in the state of New York, but never followed the profession actively after coming to the west, his attention being given to civil engineering. His wife survived him until 1901, dying at the age of seventy-seven years. In their family were five children: Oliver, who died in infancy; Charles B., who is chief train dispatcher for the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, resides in Peoria, Illinois; Fannie M., the widow of Charles S. Green, residing in Warsaw; William, who died in 1879, at the age of twenty-one years; and Truman.

Truman Plantz was educated in the public schools of Warsaw and after putting aside his text-books, devoted eleven years to railroad work, acting at different times as telegraph operator, baggage-man, brakeman and conductor, filling the last mentioned position during the last seven years of his connection with the railroad service, with the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad. In 1890 he withdrew from that position, having determined to become a member of the bar. In the meantime he had taken up the study of law, and for about six months pursued his reading in the office of D. F. Miller, Jr., of Keokuk, Iowa.

In 1891 he was admitted to the bar at Springfield, and at once entered into the practice of law in Warsaw. He was for some time a member of the firm of Plantz & Hartzell, and afterwards of the firm of Hooker, Plantz & Hartzell. He is now the senior partner of the firm of Plantz & Lamet. Mr. Plantz is the general attorney for the Modern Woodmen of America, the largest fraternal beneficiary society in the United States, having been elected to the office in March 1903. He became a member of this order in 1895, joining at Warsaw and has held the office of Consul in the local lodge and was appointed and served as one of the law committee of the society for six years prior to becoming general attorney.

Mr. Plantz is also a member of the Order of the Railway Conductors. He has been prominent and influential in local political circles and for several years was alderman of this city. He has also been mayor for three terms, retiring from the office about 1898. The fact that he was

twice re-elected is an indication of his capability and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. He was a candidate for congress on the democratic ticket in 1892 and 1894 and is now a member of the democratic state committee. For the past ten years he has been president of the board of education, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart advocate, who has done effective work in behalf of the public schools.

On the 18th of August, 1890, Mr. Plantz was married to Miss Helen Dallam, a daughter of Francis and Anna M. Dallam. They had born to them one child, Truman, who is a student in the Warsaw schools. Mrs. Plantz died November 15, 1904, at Warsaw. Mr. Plantz is kind, unaffected and approachable and every comer has a claim upon his attention.

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#### CARTHAGE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

This institution was founded in 1893 through the efforts of a few women of Carthage, organized as the Columbian Library Association and having a dollar and a half in their treasury. Mrs. William C. Hooker, the president and an enthusiast in the work, called a meeting of the citizens at the home of Mrs. Amanda E. Shultz. At this meeting Ex-Mayor A. W. O'Harra encouraged the women to continue their efforts. For several months receptions and market days were held. Dr. E. M. Robbins,

mayor, being appealed to for help, appointed a board of directors as follows: Messrs. M. P. Berry, A. N. Cherrill, C. J. Scofield and D. E. Mack and Mesdames William C. Hooker, S. L. Botts, Mary Robbins, Elizabeth Cherill and Mrs. Duane Pennock. Mrs. William C. Hooker was made president of this board and held the position until her death in February, 1900.

M. P. Berry offered to give the sum of five hundred dollars toward starting a public library, providing a like sum to be given by the citizens. In a short time six hundred and twelve dollars were subscribed to insure Mr. Berry's gift. The library, now being an assured fact, was opened to the public March 10, 1894, with two thousand one hundred and thirty-six books on the shelves. Two courses of lectures were arranged for, several of our prominent men and women giving time and talent toward the success of this enterprise. A third course was given by M. P. Berry on his trip to Europe. The different churches were offered free of charge for these lectures and accepted by the Carthage Library Association. The first year of the library's existence was spent in a room owned by John Culkin and given by him free of rent. The new city hall being completed soon after this, the library moved into two rooms upstairs furnished by the city. Mrs. M. P. Berry was elected to fill Mrs. Hooker's place as president of the Carthage Library Association and held office until her death, November 6, 1902. November, 1900, the library was moved and permanently located in the lower room of the city hall, Mr. M. P. Berry having

offered to fit up this room, providing the city make it the home of the library, and it now has very pleasant quarters.

The library now consists of forty-four hundred volumes, the average number loaned per week being two hundred. The circulating department is open every Saturday afternoon from one to five and from seven to nine p. m. The reading room is open every evening during the week from seven to nine o'clock. The reference rooms and current literature of this room are free for the use of all who may desire to come to the library. Legacies have been received by the library as follows: August 9, 1898, from the Swartz estate, one hundred and forty-six dollars and twenty cents; November 10, 1900, one thousand dollars by the will of Willis Bernethy; in 1902, thirty-five dollars by the will of Judge Chellis Hooker, and July 6, 1906, five hundred dollars was left by Mrs. Elizabeth Cherrill to the general fund. The city by appropriation provides for the running expenses of the library. The books are free to the residents and non-residents can purchase membership tickets at two dollars per year. The Carthage Library Association still continues its work for the library with Mrs. A. W. O'Harra as president, she having held this position since Mrs. Berry's death. Mrs. Duane Pennock is and has been librarian ever since the library has been opened. Although she has never received a very large compensation for her services, yet she has been faithful and untiring in the discharge of her many duties and her efforts have aided very materially in making the library what it is today.

## C. J. ROBINSON.

C. J. Robinson, in whose business integrity and enterprise are found the secret of his success, is now conducting a general merchandise store in Pontoosuc, and is accounted one of the leading business men of the village. A son of William and Mary Ann (Howard) Robinson, his birth occurred in an old log house in Dallas township, July 5, 1873. His parents were also natives of the same township. The father, who was born in 1849, was a farmer by occupation and served in the Civil war as a member of the Sixty-fifth Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. Both he and his wife are now living at Colusa. In their family were nine children: William H., deceased; C. J., of this review; Leonette, the wife of William B. Thaner, of Mason City, Illinois; Emma, the wife of Clarence Dry, of Burnside, Illinois; Clara, who married John Lamb, of Pontoosuc, Illinois; Mintie, who died at the age of thirteen years; Mary A., the wife of George Lamb, formerly of Pontoosuc, but now of Colusa; Gladys, at home; and Christina, who died in infancy.

C. J. Robinson attended the Pontoosuc schools from the age of nine years until nineteen years of age. Then his parents moving to Colusa, he attended the Camp Creek school, where he studied book-keeping under the direction of his mother's cousin, Dwight Hubbard, until twenty-one years of age, and remained at home during that time. He then took up his abode in the village of Pontoosuc and secured employment in the Snake Den stone quarries where he was employed in the fall of 1894. On Decem-

ber 2, 1904, he secured a clerkship in the store of Charles Price, of Pontoosuc. A short time afterward he became a clerk in the Star shoe store in Fort Madison, Iowa. On the 8th of April, 1895, he opened in Pontoosuc a branch store for the firm of Rolloson Brothers, of Dallas City, and continued as manager until the 13th of June, 1900, when he purchased the store, which he has since conducted with constantly growing success. It is now one of the leading stores in the village and he has built up a good trade, which is constantly increasing. He carries a large line of carefully selected goods, endeavors earnestly to meet the wishes of his patrons and by reason of fair prices and honorable dealing has won a goodly share of the patronage.

In the spring of 1898 Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Ella M. Congrove, who was born in Ohio, August 19, 1879, and is a daughter of A. V. and Caroline (Harper) Congrove, both of whom are natives of Ohio. Her father was owner and proprietor of a threshing machine, which he operated for twenty-seven seasons in Hancock county and he is now running a huckster wagon for his son-in-law, Mr. Robinson, with whom he lives. His wife died about 1896, when forty-six or forty-seven years of age. In their family were five children: Hilas, now living in Bendena, Kansas; Lorena, the wife of Casper Clark, of Dallas City, Illinois; E. H., of Bendena, Kansas; Arizona, the wife of Fred Urban, of Pontoosuc; and Mrs. Robinson.

Our subject and his wife now have a pleasant home at the corner of Mercer and Fifth streets, which property he owns.

They are now parents of two children: Millie Beatrice, born in Pontoosuc, June 2, 1898; and William H., born February 7, 1902. Mr. Robinson is a republican, active in the ranks of the party and he has served as village treasurer and also as village clerk. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp, which he joined on its organization and for four or five years thereafter he served as its clerk. He likewise belongs to the Illinois Bankers' Life Association, and his wife is a member of the Christian church, also the Royal Neighbors. Both are representatives of families which have creditable military histories. John A. Robinson, an uncle of our subject, served throughout the Civil war, while Franklin Pierce, an uncle of Mr. Robinson, was in the Spanish-American war, being one of the Rough Riders of Colonel Roosevelt. He died in Wichita, Kansas, December 1, 1900. Major Robinson, the grandfather of C. J. Robinson, was active in the Mormon war of 1844. The family is an old and prominent one of this part of the state and from pioneer times the representatives of the name have been loyal to the best interests of the community and have co-operated in many movements resulting in its material progress.

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#### DE WITT C. WOOD.

De Witt C. Wood, who for many years has resided in Hancock county and is now living retired in Augusta, was born

in Orange county, New York, about forty miles from New York city on the 8th of March, 1827, a son of Jesse and Jane (Tunison) Wood. The father was a native of New York state and throughout his entire life followed farming, spending his last years upon the farm where his birth occurred. He had then reached the age of eighty-three years and nine months. His wife, a native of New Jersey, was a daughter of Garrett Tunison, who served as a sergeant in the American Army in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Wood also died upon the old homestead farm in Orange county. She was the mother of thirteen children, of whom two are now living.

De Witt C. Wood acquired his education in the schools of his native township and in the academy at Chester, New York, and when liberal advantages had well qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties he resumed work upon his father's farm, where he remained for several years. He then turned his attention to railroading as a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, occupying that position for fourteen months, when he became foreman on a construction train. He continued in that service until 1853, when he came to Illinois attracted by its opportunities and business development of the new and growing west. Locating at Joliet he worked on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, making a cut of twenty-two feet. He afterward returned to the Empire state in 1854, but later in that year again came to Illinois and was train baggageman from Chicago to St. Louis on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, occupying that position for almost a year.



Again he went to New York and for twelve years thereafter worked upon his father's farm. Thus he resided in his native state almost continuously for forty-two years, after which he again came to Illinois, arriving in 1869 in the village of Augusta, where he now resides. Here he has been engaged principally in gardening and has well cultivated gardens, the products of which find a ready sale on the market because of size, quality and flavor in addition to the honorable business methods of Mr. Wood. A life of industry has brought to him a fair measure of success.

In 1849 Mr. Wood was married to Miss Elizabeth Hallock, who was born at Sugarloaf, New York, and died leaving two children. Charles H. died of heart failure when twenty years of age while attending the services of the Christian church in Augusta. Elizabeth is the wife of Frank Nation, a resident of Chicago and they have three children, Ralph, Clinton and Charles. Mrs. Elizabeth Wood died and was buried at the old home place in New York. For his second wife Mr. Wood chose Miss Jane Cogan, who was born in Troy, New York, and was a daughter of John and Ann (Foy) Cogan, both of whom were natives of Ireland, whence they came to the United States on their wedding trip. They located in New York city, where they resided for some time and afterward removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Both parents, however, passed away in the Empire state, the mother being killed by the cars. Mrs. Wood was educated in New York and was one of a family of nine children, three of whom are yet

living. By her marriage she became the mother of two children, Daisy and Winifred. The former was born in Augusta in the house in which Mr. Wood now resides. She is a teacher in the public schools here, having followed the profession for seven years, subsequent to her graduation from the high school. She also possesses considerable artistic talent and does very good work in pastel painting. Winifred, also born in the home in which she is living, acquired her early education in the schools of Augusta and afterward attended the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, Indiana. She is now clerk in the large department store of F. M. King, of Augusta.

Mr. Wood is a republican from principle but does not seek office as a reward for party fealty. He is well known in the town where he resides, having long made his home here and the family is one of social prominence, occupying an enviable position where culture and intelligence are received as passports into good society.

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#### WILLIAM G. WEBB.

William G. Webb is a native of Appanoose township where he still makes his home. His birth occurred January 5, 1848, and he is the second son in a family of three sons and one daughter, whose parents were William and Harriett (Baldwin) Webb. This was the father's second marriage. In his boyhood days William G. Webb remained upon the home farm

and from an early age was compelled to work in the fields. When but a young lad he would rake and bind grain and do all kinds of tasks incident to the raising of crops. As his age and strength permitted he undertook greater responsibilities and more arduous duties in connection with the farm work and he thus early became familiar with agricultural interests in every department. His school privileges were somewhat limited but he has become a well informed man through reading, observation and experience in later years. He remained at home until twenty-four years of age, when he was married to Miss Laura V. Davis, the wedding being celebrated on the 28th of February, 1872. Mrs. Webb was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, July 1, 1852, and was about three years old when she accompanied her parents on their removal to Hancock county. She, too, acquired a common-school education, while spending her girlhood days in the home of her parents, John T. and Elenore (Burton) Davis, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Ohio. Her maternal grandparents were William and Rebecca (Stoddard) Burton. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Webb was blessed with a family of seven children: Elenore May, who was born November 22, 1872, and is the wife of Samuel Gnann, of Appanoose township; Albert Erwin, who was born February 7, 1874, and is living in the same township; Florence Laura, who was born February 9, 1876, and is the wife of Henry Siegrist, of Appanoose township; Josephine Harriet, who was born August 7, 1878, and is at home; Vincent Giles, who was born January 7,

1887, and died January 22, 1898; Orville C. Wayne, who was born February 4, 1890, and is yet with his parents; and Sydney Thomas, who was born June 21, 1892, and completes the family.

It was subsequent to his marriage that Mr. Webb invested his earnings in eighty acres of land on the south half of a quarter section, upon which he had previously lived. It was an improved place, at one time occupied by the Mormons and all of the buildings which he there found have been replaced by more commodious and modern structures. The residence is a substantial frame one of seven rooms and there are good barns and other outbuildings. Mr. Webb at once undertook the task of developing and improving his place and the fields are now richly tilled, so that the threshing season is a busy time upon the Webb farm, while in the later autumn good crops of corn are also gathered. He likewise raises shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep. Following his father's death Mr. Webb inherited eighty acres of land on section 35, Appanoose township, and he also bought eighty acres, of which one half is on section 34, and the remainder on section 33, Appanoose township. This, however, he sold to his son, Albert E. Webb, in the fall of 1899. Still actively engaged in the management of his farm, he is a business man whose alert and enterprising spirit has been manifest in his capable conduct of his interests as the years have gone by. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy and these proved important factors in his success in after years. A faithful member of the Presbyterian church, he has

served as elder since 1903. He belongs to Temple lodge, No. 222, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Nauvoo, and to the Modern Woodmen camp there. Interested in politics to the extent of giving hearty and earnest support to the principles which he believes are most conducive to good government, his fellow townsmen have recognized his devotion to the public good and have elected him to some local offices. For twelve years he served as commissioner of highways and as collector for one year, in which connection his duties have been promptly and faithfully performed.

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#### GEORGE H. SLINGERLAND.

George H. Slingerland owns and operates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 15 and 10, Augusta township. He was born in Sloansville, Schoharie county, New York, November 14, 1849, and his parents, Henry and Maria (Machin) Slingerland, were likewise natives of the same locality. The mother was a daughter of Thomas Machin, who defended the interests of the colonies as a captain in the Revolutionary war. In 1856 the father brought his family to Hancock county, Illinois, where he followed the occupation of farming, to which he had also given his attention in the Empire state. He died in the early '80s, while his wife survived until 1896 and both were buried in Augusta cemetery.

George H. Slingerland is the only one of their five children now living. He was a lad of six years when brought to this county and his early education was acquired in Augusta, while later he continued his studies in Union Classical Institute and Union College, Schenectady, New York. He continued under the parental roof until of age and then started out in life on his own account. On the 13th of January, 1885, he married Jennie Reynolds, who was born in Nebraska in 1859, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Lock) Reynolds. Her father, a native of New York, came to Illinois in 1855. He devoted his life to school teaching and farming and passed away in 1872, his remains being laid to rest in Greeley, Colorado. His widow, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, is now living in Kansas. Their children were: Hattie, now the wife of John McFarlan, of Colby, Kansas; and Jennie, the wife of our subject. The great-grandfather and two great-uncles of Mrs. Slingerland were valiant soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Following their marriage Mr. Slingerland settled on a farm in Augusta township, comprising one hundred and sixty acres on sections 15 and 10. Here he has since engaged in tilling the soil and raising stock. He is a republican but without aspiration for office, and fraternally he is a Mason, Knight of Pythias and Woodman. In all these orders he is a valued factor, for his life is in harmony with the principles and tenets of the different societies. In a review of his life it will be seen that he merits the compliment implied in the term a "self-made

man," for all that he possesses has been obtained through his own labor.

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ABNER MURPHY.

Abner Murphy, whose memory is cherished in Augusta, where he made his home, by many friends who long entertained for him warm regard and respect, was born in Adams county, Ohio, November 15, 1822, and died in this village September 11, 1898. He was the youngest in a family of eleven children born unto Robert and Elizabeth (Clifford) Murphy, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and became one of the early settlers of Adams county, Ohio, where he lived until his death, his wife also passing away at the old homestead in that county. Both were well advanced in years, the mother having reached the venerable age of ninety years when called to her final rest.

Abner Murphy acquired his education in the place of his nativity, after which he engaged in teaching in the district schools in his native county. He remained a resident of Ohio until about twenty-seven years of age, when, in 1850, he came to Illinois and was engaged in teaching for a number of years in Brown and Schuyler counties.

In 1860 Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Bethania Billiter, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Mary (Stroup) Billiter, both of whom were natives of

North Carolina, whence they removed to Kentucky, remaining in this state for a short time, while later they resided in Butler county, Ohio, where the father engaged in farming for a number of years. He then removed with his family to Clay county, Indiana, where he also engaged in agricultural pursuits and some years later he came to Illinois, locating near Camden, where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-five years of age. The mother survived him for a number of years and passed away at the age of seventy-five.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Murphy spent a year in Missouri, after which he returned to Illinois and came to Augusta in 1876, having in the meantime lived in various places. He followed farming in Adams county, the greater part of his land extending over the border line into that county although his home was in Hancock county. He remained there for about four years before coming to Augusta and he owned eighty acres of land, which he sold before taking up his abode in this village, where his remaining days were passed. For about thirteen years his brother and sister, Robert and Rebecca Murphy made their home with him until they were called to their final rest about two years before his demise. Shortly before coming to Augusta Mr. Murphy of this review purchased a home in the northern part of the village, where his widow still resides and here he lived retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. He made an addition to the house and transformed it into a very comfortable home.

Mr. Murphy was a man of sterling business integrity and industry and was always true to his convictions as a citizen and faithful to his professions as a believer in the Christian faith. In his family he was devoted to the welfare of the members of his household and was considerate of all who knew him in every relation of life. The poor and needy found in him a warm friend, whose sympathy was often manifest by his assistance. He held membership in the Masonic fraternity, being a charter member of the blue lodge at Camden, Illinois, and throughout his entire life he manifested the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and for one term he held the office of supervisor of Augusta township. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Augusta and his death was deeply deplored by all who knew him, because he had ever displayed the sterling traits of character which win warm friendships and strong regard.

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#### THOMAS CRAWFORD.

Thomas Crawford devoted his life to general farming and stock-raising and while carrying on his business interests developed a character that made him an exemplary citizen and a man whom to know was to respect and honor. He guided his life by high principles, was kind-hearted, generous and enterprising,

and at all times and under all relations commanded the respect and esteem of those with whom he was associated. Born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, July 8, 1812, he was a son of William and Alzira (Doughty) Crawford. The father a Kentucky farmer, went to Adams county, Illinois, in 1831, and lived in Quincy until the spring of 1832, while later he entered land in Wythe township, Hancock county, for a dollar and a quarter per acre. He lived in a log house and knew all of the experiences and hardship of pioneer life. Indians were still seen in the neighborhood and there was much wild game, including deer. He was a man of brave and resolute spirit, as manifest in his pioneer life. His death occurred in Missouri in 1869, while his wife passed away in 1846. He was buried in Wilcox township and his wife in Walker township in a private burying-ground known as the Hatchett burying-ground. In their family were seven children. The parents were most highly esteemed as worthy pioneer people, who contributed in large and substantial measure to the early development of the county and whose influence was ever given on the side of right, progress, justice and truth.

Thomas Crawford was educated in the public schools of Kentucky and when eighteen years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. In 1839 he wedded Jane M. Stockton, a native of Tennessee and a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Stockton, who were also born in that state and have now passed away. In their family were eleven children. The father was a soldier of the war of 1812. Mrs. Crawford died in 1847,

leaving five children, of whom two are now living: Laura A., the widow of Uriah C. Seaton and a resident of Colorado, having one daughter, Jessie, who is a trained nurse in that state; Alzira F., who is the wife of John K. Stockton, of Colorado, by whom she has three children; Sarah, who married H. O. Knox and died in 1875. On the 25th of March, 1849, Mr. Crawford wedded Serepta J. Doughty, who was born in Kentucky in 1829, a daughter of James and Mary (McMahan) Doughty, natives of Kentucky. Her father, a farmer by occupation, located in Wilcox township, Hancock county, Illinois, in 1843 and his original home here was a log cabin, but as the years passed he prospered and became owner of a comfortable modern residence. Both he and his wife were members of the Christian church. Their family numbered seven children, but only two are living: Mrs. Crawford; and Ann, the wife of Benjamin F. Howes. of Bragmer, Missouri.

Following his first marriage Mr. Crawford entered land in Walker township on several different sections and became an extensive proptery holder. He had one hundred and sixty acres in his home place, which he improved, transforming it into a very fine farm. As his financial resources increased he kept adding to his property until at one time he owned the greater part of Sutter. He displayed keen discernment in his investments and was a man of excellent business ability and executive force. He never inherited anything but was very enterprising and progressive and with the assistance of his estimable wife, who was indeed a great

helpmate to him, he advanced from a humble financial position to one of affluence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crawford were born nine children, all natives of Walker township: Mrs. Mary Jane Andrews, the eldest, lives with her mother and has four children: Clarence, Claude, Bay, and Harry. James F. is postmaster of Warsaw. Margaret Ella was the wife of Aquilla J. Dougherty, who was consul to Peru, South America, and was in the internal revenue office at Peoria, Illinois. His wife died November 15, 1881, while his death occurred in 1904. Virginia Crawford died in 1859, at the age of three years. William T. is assistant postmaster at Warsaw. John Coleman operates the farm for his mother. Fannie is the wife of Leon W. Berry, a jeweler of Carthage, and they have three children: Freda, Kenneth and Leonard Coleman. Cora M. is at home, and Charles C. is a druggist of Warsaw.

About 1874 Mr. Crawford built for his family a comfortable and commodious brick residence upon the farm in Wilcox township. He was, however, not permitted to enjoy his new home for he died before it was completed, passing away March 23, 1875. In politics he was a republican and served as justice of the peace. He was also an enrolling officer in the Civil war. He was one of the early Masons of this part of the state and in his life exemplified the beneficent spirit of the craft. He was a temperate man and at all times discouraged the excessive use of intoxicants. In his business affairs he was strictly honorable and reliable and was never known to take advantage

of the necessities of another in a business transaction. Generous by nature, kindly in disposition and warm-hearted, he would rather be imposed upon than to injure another, and his life record proved that wealth and an honored name may be won simultaneously. He became one of the prosperous landowners of the county and though he attained wealth he never allowed it to effect in any way his relations toward those less fortunate and was ever ready to respond quickly to the call of the poor and needy. In 1866 he became a member of the Christian church of Wythe township and his religious faith was at all times manifest in his life and in his relations with his fellowman. Mrs. Crawford yet resides upon the home farm and is the owner of more than five hundred acres of valuable land in this county, her husband having left her a very desirable competence.

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#### THOMAS McFARLAND.

When an individual passes on the highway of life others, who perhaps started out in advance of him or had more advantageous environments it is interesting to examine into his life record and know the elements which have contributed to his success. In a review of the life history of Thomas McFarland we note that in early youth his opportunities were limited and without financial assistance he entered upon the field of business activity wherein as the years ad-

vanced he won a very desirable competence that now enables him to live retired. He made judicious investments in property and is the owner of large land interests, including five hundred and eight acres in Prairie township. He likewise has farm property in Kansas and a home and business in Carthage, and his property interests are the visible evidence of a life of industry and energy.

Mr. McFarland was born in Clermont county, Ohio, May 7, 1837, and his parents, John and Phebe (Smith) McFarland, were likewise natives of that state, the mother born June 16, 1816. They were married September 16, 1834. The father was a farmer and cooper, who in 1842 brought his family to Illinois, settling on a farm in Adams county. He cleared land in order to have a space large enough upon which to build a log cabin. After a brief period he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 29th of June, 1844, and he soon afterward left the original farm and removed to another farm in Adams county. In later years he took up his abode in Mendon, Illinois, where he died in 1891, and was buried, while his wife was laid to rest in Adams county. His political allegiance was given to the democracy but he held no office nor did he seek political preferment. By his first marriage there were five children: David, who was born October 13, 1835, and is living in Appanoose county, Iowa; Thomas, of this review; Elizabeth Jane, who was born October 22, 1839, and is the wife of Mr. Ganzert, of Walnut Creek, California; Ephraim, who was born November 1, 1841, and died December 23, 1844;

and Josephine, who was born March 20, 1844, and is the wife of Dr. James S. Akins, of Quinlan, Oklahoma.

The public schools afforded Thomas McFarland the early educational advantages he enjoyed. He was only about five years of age when the family removed to Illinois, and was seven years of age at the time of his mother's death. He then went to Hancock county with Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, who were relatives of his mother and who provided him with educational privileges and clothing until he attained his majority. He afterward earned the money which enabled him to spend one year in the seminary at Warsaw, and subsequently he engaged in farm labor by the month in Hancock county for a year. In 1863 he bought a farm of sixty acres in Carthage township, where he remained for a year, after which he took a trip of eight months to the gold mines in Virginia City, Montana, leaving Carthage on the 18th of February, 1864. Having returned to Hancock county he has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits. After owning and selling several farms in Carthage township he invested in farm land on sections 2 and 15, Prairie township, having two hundred and twenty-six acres on section 2, and two hundred and forty acres on section 15. He made his home on section 2 until September, 1888, when he took up his abode in Carthage. He still gives his supervision to his farming interests, however, and in addition to cultivating the fields is also engaged in stock-raising, employing men to care for the fields and the stock. He now lives at

No. 36 North Adams street, where he purchased property.

On the 15th of January, 1862, Mr. McFarland was married to Miss Maria Louise McColm, who was born in Clermont county, Ohio, March 15, 1843, a daughter of John and Nancy McColm. The mother died December 10, 1850, and the father, May 23, 1853. He was a farmer by occupation and spent his last days in Ohio. In their family were five children: Erastus, who was born January 4, 1838, and is living in Carthage; David R., who was born February 15, 1839, and is deceased; Melissa Jane, who was born June 2, 1841, and is the wife of Allen Glancy, a resident of Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio; Mrs. McFarland; and Albert Asbury McColm, who was born January 10, 1848, and lives in Chino, California. Mrs. McFarland departed this life April 25, 1899, amid the deep regret of many friends, and her remains were interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. There had been six children born of this marriage, all natives of Hancock county. John Dennis, born December 23, 1862, died March 6, 1863, and was buried in the Walker cemetery in Walker township. Albert Homer, born March 1, 1864, married Miss Anna McColm and lives in Ottumwa, Iowa. Charles Thomas, born November 21, 1867, married Frances Pomroy, lives at Fabius, Missouri, and has four children. Roy, Mary, Ida and Wilbur Thomas. Jennie Rachel, born May 17, 1869, married Edward Harris, lives at Herrick, South Dakota, and has three living children, Thomas, Lucia and Cleophas.



while Ruth and Harold are deceased. Ethel Louisa May, born May 17, 1872, is the wife of David Bluebaugh, of Kansas City, Missouri, and has two children, Ray and Blanche. Jesse Edward, born November 7, 1882, married Elsie Belle Vail, April 5, 1904, and has one son, Thomas McFarland, who was born March 3, 1905, in Prairie township, the parents living on one of our subject's farms in that township. The mother of Mrs. Thomas McFarland was a devoted member of the Christian church and died in that faith. She was a home-loving woman and devoted to her family, and her efforts and her many excellent traits of character won her the kindly regard of all with whom she came in contact. On the 11th of July, 1900, Mr. McFarland married Miss Fanny Jane Gentry, who was born in Pilot Grove township, Hancock county, October 7, 1865, a daughter of John Thornton and Harriet Jane (Shreve) Gentry. Her father was born in Madison, Stokes county, North Carolina, October 26, 1821, and in 1835, went with his widowed mother to Monroe county, Indiana, where he settled on a farm. On the 30th of September, 1863, he came to Hancock county, settling on a farm in Pilot Grove township, where he died suddenly on the 14th of January, 1873, his remains being interred in McKay cemetery. Mrs. Gentry was born in Monroe county, Indiana, June 12, 1821, and on the 26th of March, 1846, was married. She died at Carthage, January 9, 1903, and her grave was made in Moss Ridge cemetery. In the family were six children: William Richard, who was born in Monroe coun-

ty, Indiana, January 17, 1847, and was a railroad agent at Hamilton, Illinois, died there September 7, 1881. Joshua Newton, born December 15, 1851, in Monroe county, Indiana, is now living at McMinnville, Oregon. Mary Catherine, born in Monroe county, Indiana, August 7, 1854, died October 1, 1858, and was buried in her native county in the Vernal Baptist church cemetery. John McVicar Shreve Gentry was born in Monroe county, March 16, 1858. Anna Harriet, born July 26, 1863, is the wife of Linus Cruise, of Carthage, Illinois, who is represented elsewhere in this volume. Fannie Jane, the youngest of the family, is now the wife of Thomas McFarland.

In his political affiliation Mr. McFarland is a democrat and has served as collector of Prairie township and as road supervisor. His wife belongs to the Missionary Baptist church, with which she united on the 23d of September, 1894, and she is also a member of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The family residence is at No. 36 North Adams street, which property was purchased by Mr. McFarland. He also owns a lot at No. 17 Main street opposite the Shoreham Hotel and one hundred and sixty acres of land in Kansas in addition to his valuable farming properties in Prairie Grove township, while his wife owns sixty acres of land in Pilot Grove township. In 1888 he made a trip to Europe for the purpose of purchasing horses and secured fourteen while in England and some in France. He bought English, Norman and one hackney and was absent for about two months, during which time he visited Liverpool,

London and Paris, returning by the way of the St. Lawrence and Thousand Islands. His is a commendable business record, showing what can be accomplished by energy and determination, for he is now in possession of valuable property interests although he started out in life empty-handed. He is a gentleman of pleasant manner, while his wife is an intelligent lady of literary tastes and both have a host of warm friends in Carthage.

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#### GEORGE W. YETTER.

George W. Yetter is the owner of a valuable farm property of three hundred acres on section 15, Carthage township, and with its modern equipments is a monument to the skill and enterprise of the owner, whose well directed activity has been the source of his success. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 26, 1835, and was only two years of age when brought to Illinois by his parents, William and Lydia (Rock) Yetter, who settled in Hancock county and are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of S. R. Yetter.

At the usual age George W. Yetter began his education in the common schools of Carthage township and continued his studies in the city schools. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm, remaining there until about seventeen years of age although he lost his father two years before. Leaving the old home place he worked for one year at the carpenter's

trade but not finding it a congenial pursuit he sought and obtained employment as a farm hand and worked by the month in that way for a year. Ambitious to engage in farming on his own account he next rented eighty acres of land in Carthage township, which he cultivated and improved for four years, during which time his indefatigable energy and frugality had brought him capital sufficient to justify his purchase of eighty acres of land on section 15, Carthage township, constituting a part of his present homestead. About twenty acres at that time had been placed under cultivation but he soon turned the furrows in the fields and in course of time gathered abundant harvests. He also erected a good substantial dwelling and other buildings and has continuously lived upon this farm since making his purchase in 1865. The years have witnessed his prosperity, resulting from carefully directed labor and good business sagacity and he has added to his acreage from time to time until he is now the owner of a valuable property of three hundred and forty-seven acres, nearly all of which has been placed under a high state of cultivation. Practically all his life he has engaged in general farming and stock-raising, keeping good grades of cattle, horses and hogs upon his place yet not making a specialty of blooded stock. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and in this largely lies the secret of his success.

In 1862 Mr. Yetter chose as a companion and helpmate on life's journey Miss Mary A. Briley, who was born in Ohio and came to Illinois with her parents when a young child. She was a



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daughter of Peter and Mary Briley, natives of Maryland, and the father, who was an agriculturist, engaged in farming in Hancock township up to the time of his death. His widow survived him and died in Appanoose township, but their daughter, Mrs. Yetter, was educated in the common schools of Hancock township, and by her marriage has become the mother of five children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. Calvin R., the eldest, born in Carthage township, resides upon and operates the old home place. Lewis G. resides on section 15, Carthage township, where he owns seventy-five acres of land and who is holding the office of school director, married Mary Harter Kimbrough, a daughter of William Kimbrough and they have two children, Bertha and Eva. Elizabeth Yetter is the wife of Ashford Perry, a farmer of Carthage township, owning one hundred and twenty acres of land on section 14, which he purchased of his father-in-law. They have three children, Herschel, Howard and Mary. William R. resides at home. Estella is the wife of James Kimbrough, a teamster of Carthage. The wife and mother died upon the old home place February 22, 1905, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was a woman of many excellent traits of heart and mind and was held in highest esteem by all who knew her. In her family she was a devoted and loving wife and mother and all who knew her found in her a faithful friend.

Mr. Yetter holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active part in its work and the extension

of its influence. For many years he has acted as trustee of the church and is still filling that position. In politics he is a republican and has held the office of road commissioner, while for a long period he has served as school director. No movement for the general good seeks his aid in vain and his efforts have been a valued factor in general improvement. He has witnessed the greater part of the growth and development of Hancock county, which was largely a wild prairie during the period of his early recollection. He has seen this changed into richly cultivated farms and has done his full share in the line of agricultural improvement, aiding in making this one of the richest farming districts in the great state of Illinois.

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#### HON. CHARLES COOKE.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose, and there was a feeling of universal regret when Charles Cooke was called from this life, for in Hancock county, where he long resided, he made a most creditable record as a representative of agricultural and commercial interests, and also as a factor in public life. In all relations he was upright and honorable, and his influence was far-reaching and beneficial. A native of Southfield, Michigan, he was born October 24, 1837, and was a son of Dr. Noah and Elizabeth Cooke. His father was a native of Massachusetts and the mother was also born in the east. Dr.

Noah Cooke devoted his life to the work of the Presbyterian ministry and also engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. After the death of his first wife he resided in Hancock county, Illinois, until his death, which occurred in Bowen about thirty-five years ago. His remains were interred in Chili cemetery. In the family were five children, but only one is now living, namely, Camillus Cooke, a resident of Truckee, California. One daughter of the family became the wife of a Congregational minister at Payson, Illinois.

Charles Cooke was a young lad when brought to Illinois, his education being acquired in the schools of this state. His opportunities in that direction were somewhat limited, but in later years he read broadly and thought deeply and as the result of his investigation, his experience and his observation he became a well informed man. He was reared under the parental roof and when he attained his majority he went westward to California, where he was engaged in surveying for gold. It was in that state that he made his real start in business life. For eight years he remained in the mining districts and then returned to Bowen, Illinois, where he invested his capital in a business enterprise, becoming proprietor of a lumberyard and agricultural implement store. He also owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres of good land before he went to the west, and following his return he devoted a portion of his time and energies to agricultural interests. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and likewise continued in the lumber trade and in the sale of agricultural

implements, being thus closely associated with farming and commercial pursuits until his death. He erected a beautiful residence in 1871 on a part of what was then his farm and is now in the southern portion of Bowen. The home is most beautifully and tastefully furnished and is still the property of Mrs. Cooke, who also owns one hundred and seventeen acres of the farm.

On the 17th of April, 1872, occurred the marriage of Mr. Cooke and Miss Inez Amelia Patchen, who was born in Chili township, February 4, 1854, a daughter of Levi G. and Catherine (Gumbell) Patchen. Her father was born in Dutchess county, New York, August 16, 1822, and the mother's birth occurred in New York city May 18, 1826. Levi Patchen was a farmer by occupation and came to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1845, settling in Chili township, where he purchased land from the government and built a log house on the prairie there, living in true pioneer style in the early days. He contributed in substantial measure to the development and progress of the county as it emerged from pioneer conditions and took on all the evidences of advanced civilization. For many years he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits and then retired to Bowen, where he spent his remaining days in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. When coming to the west he and his wife lost all of their goods and clothing and their possessions at the time of their arrival consisted only of the clothing they wore and about a dollar in money. As the years passed, however, they prospered, and when called from this

life were in possession of a very comfortable competence.

In his political views Mr. Patchen was a stalwart democrat and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to public office. He served as justice of the peace, was highway commissioner and for many years was school director, and in all of these offices displayed capability and fidelity that won him warm commendation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Patchen were born twelve children: Olin, who resides in Oklahoma; Sarah Maria, the wife of Samuel Garnett, of Rock Island, Illinois; Alvah, who lives at Chandler, Oklahoma; Daniel, who is located at Lewiston, Missouri; Franklin J., a practicing physician at Albuquerque, New Mexico; Inez A., now the widow of Charles Cooke, and a resident of Bowen; Anna Augusta, the wife of Rev. Henry V. Tull, a Congregational minister located at Jonesboro, Arkansas; Frederick B., who lives at Bowen; Lillian, also of Bowen; Charles W., who is a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Ida, the wife of George B. Oder, of Kansas City, Missouri. The parents were married in 1844, and for more than half a century traveled life's journey together. The death of Mr. Patchen occurred March 5, 1898, while his wife survived until March 12, 1905, and was laid to rest by his side in the cemetery at Bowen. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and both were good and upright people, deserving the warm regard and friendship which was extended them. They were among the early residents of Illinois, and no pioneer did more

to improve the county and pave the way for the privileges and blessings which the inhabitants now enjoy than did Levi Patchen. He was an honest man under all circumstances. He possessed, moreover, great energy and was a public-spirited citizen. He never upheld evil of any kind but on the contrary stood for righteousness and progress and was especially interested in the training of the young. He also befriended any institution or influence that would help young people and he was generous in his support of the church. In his later years he was a regular attendant at church services and his life was ever honorable and upright. In manner he was jovial and pleasant and was a most companionable gentleman, uniformly respected and loved by his neighbors and friends for his sincerity and his true manliness. His wife was one of the charter members of the Methodist Episcopal church and in her life exemplified her faith and belief.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Cooke at once began housekeeping in the residence which she still occupies and there seven children came to bless their home, namely: Jessie E., who attended school at Grinnell, Iowa, and is now the wife of Dr. D. D. Nine, of Bowen, by whom she has two children, Herbert C. and Madaline J.; Freddie, who died in infancy; Ralph W., who is a graduate of the Illinois College at Jacksonville, and is secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Chicago, being deeply interested in the work; Inez, the wife of Duane Bennett, of Bowen, Illinois; Mary, who died when only two

weeks old; Edmund, who is attending college at Champaign, Illinois; and Gaylord, deceased.

Mr. Cooke gave his political support to the Republican party, but was without aspiration for office. He was truly a self-made man and deserved all the praise that that term implies. Without special family or pecuniary advantages to aid him at the outset of his career he worked his way steadily upward, and was much esteemed and respected by young and old, rich and poor. He possessed a kindly, charitable nature, and was a regular attendant at the services of the Congregational church, of which his wife is a devoted member. He was always much interested in the work of the Sunday-school as a teacher therein and was very liberal in giving to the church. He possessed sterling qualities that combined to make an upright, noble man. Believing in education, he gave his children good advantages in that direction. In early days, while engaged in mining, he made several trips to California and was always interested in that state, so that in the latter part of his life he frequently traveled to the Pacific coast, looking after the interests of his brother's mine there and also greatly enjoying his sojourn in that sunny clime. The death of Mr. Cooke occurred on April 28, 1892, and he left behind a valued name as well as a comfortable competence for his family. His memory is cherished by all who knew him and he had many friends in the community. His children seem to have inherited many of his good traits and are standing nobly by the side of their mother, who is a lady of sweet and kindly disposition,

now living with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Nice.

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HON. JOHN W. MARSH.

Hon. John W. Marsh was at the time of his demise the oldest practitioner at the bar of Hancock county, having for fifty-five years been a representative of the legal profession at Warsaw. A student of law in the office of Judge Logan, a partner of Abraham Lincoln, the contemporary in practice of many of the distinguished lawyers of the middle and latter half of the nineteenth century, he at all times commanded the respect and enjoyed the friendship of those with whom he was associated in his professional labors, for his strong mentality and intellectual energy made him their equal on the mental plane. He, too, perhaps might have attained marked prominence in political circles had he lived in a community where his party was in power and had not his ambition been in the line of his profession, which he regarded as abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He felt, too, that deep interest in local affairs, which led to his hearty co-operation in movements for general progress and improvement and many tangible principles were brought forth, his efforts in this direction leading to most commendable results. He lived in the county for sixty-four years, which period virtually covers its history and he was familiar with its development in every phase. Born in New Brunswick, on the 20th of August, 1815, John W. Marsh was a son



of Benjamin F. and Ruth (Wetmore) Marsh. The father was born at Weathersfield, Vermont, December 11, 1792, and when a young man went to New Brunswick. After the outbreak of the war of 1812, which cut off all communication between the English province and the United States, he did not hear from his home for three years. At St. Johns he entered mercantile life and continued actively in business there until 1833. He became a successful dealer in merchandise and a very successful man. During his residence in New Brunswick he married Miss Ruth Wetmore, whose parents were Tories and were loyal to the crown of England. Following the revolution they went to New Brunswick, and the government of England recompensed them in part for the property which had been confiscated during the Revolutionary war in the United States. The old Wetmore home was at Rye, New York.

In New Brunswick Benjamin F. Marsh was an influential business man but feeling that he wished to live again under the old flag he returned to the United States, in 1832, spending the first winter thereafter in St. Louis, Missouri. During that period he examined the country on horseback, eventually reached old Fort Edward and taking up his abode in one of the old houses there, he purchased a farm of several hundred acres, whereon he erected a house in the spring. He then brought his family to Hancock county and the name of Marsh has been inseparably interwoven with the history of this part of the state since the spring of 1833. The father improved and developed a farm and built a residence, which

he occupied until the time of the Civil war. In ante-bellum days he was a strong whig and upon the dissolution of the party joined the ranks of the Republican party, which was formed to prevent further extension of slavery. He was a stanch advocate of the Union cause and was interested in local political progress although never an aspirant for office himself. For some years, however, he was county school commissioner, having charge at that time of the school lands. He was also one of the early members of the Masonic fraternity in this portion of the state. He died in Warsaw, in 1864, while his wife passed away in 1837. In their family were seven children, who reached adult age: Charles Carroll; John W.; Sophia, the deceased wife of Cyrus Felt; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Chauncey Richmond; Charlotte, who married James Luzadder; Caroline, the wife of Henry Richmond; Colonel Benjamin F. Marsh, who for many years was a distinguished representative of this district in congress; Arthur W. The last named, together with his brother, Benjamin, enlisted for service in the Second Illinois Cavalry, and Arthur was killed while serving as colonel of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Volunteer Infantry. Mrs. Marsh was a member of the Episcopal church, and her husband contributed generously to its support.

John Wellington Marsh acquired his preliminary education in St. Johns, New Brunswick, and subsequently was graduated from Kenyon College, in Ohio, which he entered as a sophomore in the class of 1836, being graduated with valedictorian honors in the class of 1839. In

the meantime his parents had removed from New Brunswick to St. Louis and as stated, became residents of Hancock county in the spring of 1833. At that time Warsaw had not been laid out and the only families here were those of Mark Aldrich, John R. Wilcox and Isham Cochran. For many years the family home was maintained upon a farm four miles east of Warsaw and at the time of his death Judge Marsh still owned a portion of the original farm, on which stands the old log house which was a pretentious structure when erected. Mr. Marsh shared with the family in the usual experiences and hardships of life on the frontier, for Illinois was then on a border of civilization. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new land and turning the first furrows in the fields until he entered college and following his graduation, having determined upon a professional career, he went to Springfield, Illinois, where he became a law student in the office of Judge Logan, a partner of Abraham Lincoln. In fact it was while he was in the office that the partnership was formed and under the direction of those two distinguished lawyers he gained his first knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence, while Judge Logan and Judge Trumbull were among those who examined him when he was finally admitted to the bar.

Judge Marsh entered upon the active practice of law in Carthage in 1842, and for fifty-five years was recognized as one of the ablest members of the Hancock county bar, exceeding, at the time of his death, in years of practice as well as in ability, all who were connected with the

bar of the county at that time. He was regarded as one of the most able lawyers of this section of the state, standing among the leaders of the profession in western Illinois. He was retained as counsel on many of the important cases and met with remarkable success. When he accepted a case he bent every energy toward winning it but he never sacrificed right and principle to do so. His addresses always showed thorough and painstaking preparation and at once indicated that he was master of the situation. He was a man of keen power of perception and of analytical mind, which enabled him to quickly discover the weak points in an opponent's argument and at once attack his position thereon. He was thoroughly versed in the fundamental principles of common law and was never at a loss to cite an authority or precedent. His style of address was dignified, candid and straightforward with never an attempt to juggle with a jury or entrap the court. It has been said that in his addresses the listener was first interested, then captivated and finally convinced that every word of the argument was in aid of justice.

Judge Marsh was never an aspirant for office yet was always interested in the great questions involving the weal or woe of the nation. He became a republican on the organization of the party, and while strong in his convictions and prompt and effective in maintaining them, he did so without being offensive to those who differed from him. In 1855 he was a candidate for circuit judge in a district with an abnormally large democratic majority and while unsuccessful, he greatly

reduced that majority and made a strong canvass although defeated. About 1886 he was nominated and elected county judge but was defeated for a second term because of the very strong democratic strength in Hancock county. As a jurist he made a splendid record, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial and based upon a comprehensive knowledge of the law and correct adaptation thereof.

On the 27th of November, 1849, Judge Marsh was married to Eudocia Baldwin, a daughter of Epaphras B. Baldwin, and their married life was a most happy one. In 1854 they removed to Warsaw and Judge Marsh remained a resident of that city until his demise. He passed away July 12, 1897, leaving a widow and five children, but one daughter, Miss Cara Potwin, has since departed this life. Those still living are: Mary Eudocia; Mrs. Helen S. Bardens, of Warsaw, Illinois; Adele Rose, the wife of A. H. MacGregor, of Warsaw; and John Wetmore Marsh. Two sons and two daughters of the family had died in infancy. The family have occupied a beautiful home in Warsaw since 1876 and in addition to this property Judge Marsh owned valuable farm lands in this section of the state, having placed his money in the safest of all investments—real estate.

While his life was a busy one and his profession made heavy demands upon his time and energies, Judge Marsh yet found opportunity to aid in many movements having direct benefit upon the welfare and progress of his city and county. He became one of the original members of St. Paul's Episcopal church and from its early existence was a member of its

vestry and for thirty years was senior warden. He contributed generously to its support and often acted as lay reader during the absence of a regular pastor. For years he was chancellor of the Quincy diocese. At the time of his death he was serving as a director and vice president of the Warsaw free public library, and he was a member of the city council from 1860 until 1862, and afterward a member of the board of education. All of those interests which are a matter of civic pride and virtue received his endorsement and co-operation and his public-spirited citizenship stood as an unquestioned fact in his career. He was an interested witness of the epochal events in Hancock county's history and in many cases was an active participant therein. Pioneer life in its various phases was familiar to him and he likewise passed through the trying period of the Mormon troubles, his office in Carthage at that time being a meeting place for the anti-Mormons, who molded their bullets there. He was an active member of the Union League in the days of the Rebellion and his aid could be counted upon to further the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community throughout the sixty-four years of his residence in Hancock county.

The Warsaw Bulletin in its editorial upon his death said: "The death of Judge Marsh elicited a universal expression of sorrow. Known to all, respected by all, the one feeling was that of regret and sympathy—regret at the loss of such a citizen and sympathy for the family who have thus been bereft of a kind, thoughtful, considerate husband and father, for Judge Marsh was character-

istically a home man,—a man who was intensely devoted to his wife and children and spent his unemployed hours with them. \* \* \* \* In his public life Judge Marsh was careful and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. In his private life he was upright and honorable. In every relation he was irreproachable. Of even temperament, he lived a gentle, blameless life, and dying leaves a blessed heritage to those nearest and dearest, and an example of pure, clean citizenship that may be emulated by others with profit to the community. Such a life builds for all time, and the world is the better for his having lived it it." In all places and under all circumstances he was loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more profitable than wealth, fame and position. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we call friendship, which endear and attach man to man in most intimate bonds, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity—in these qualities he was royally endowed.

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#### ISAAC McCOY MARTIN, M. D.

Dr. Isaac McCoy Martin, who is the second oldest medical practitioner of La Harpe in years of continuous connection with the profession in this place, was born in Macomb, Illinois, September 9, 1853, a son of Joseph Morris and Henrietta Girard (Westfall) Martin, both of whom were natives of Miami county, Ohio. The father was born January 6,

1823, and was a son of Abiah and Catherine (Wilson) Martin, of Miami county. Henrietta G. Westfall was born March 18, 1823, and was a daughter of Levi and Margaret (Pettit) Westfall. Both Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin were reared in Boone county, Indiana, and were married in the town of Lebanon. They resided for a time at Thorntown, where Mr. Martin followed the carpenter's trade. They left Indiana in one of the oldtime moving wagons, which were the only means of travel across the country at that day, and took up their abode in Macomb, Illinois, about 1850. For many years Mr. Martin carried on business there as a contractor and builder, having a large patronage and erecting many of the substantial structures of the town and surrounding country. He continued in active connection with his trade until his death, which occurred February 21, 1893. When in the prime of life he was one of the prominent and influential residents of the town, served in various public offices and several times acted as mayor. He and his wife were among the charter members of the Universalist church and always took an interest in its work. Mrs. Martin still resides in Macomb, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta A. Campbell, and is the oldest surviving member of the Universalist church there. In their family were four sons and four daughters.

Dr. Martin, of La Harpe, is the fifth in order of birth. He was educated in the Macomb schools, being graduated from the high school, and in early manhood he engaged in teaching. He also took up the study of medicine while in

Macomb and in 1876 he went to Eyota, Minnesota, where he engaged in studying and practicing with his uncle, Dr. I. M. Westfall. After two years he returned to Macomb, where he engaged in teaching school until he entered Hahneman College, of Chicago, from which he won his diploma on the 24th of February, 1881. He located for practice at Macomb, where he resided until 1887, since which time he has been practicing in La Harpe, being the second oldest practicing physician here.

In September, 1883, Dr. Martin was married to Elsie Taylor, who was born at Mt. Sterling, Illinois, a daughter of Colonel Samuel E. and Nancy (McCormick) Taylor, who were residents of Colchester. Her father was captain of Company E, Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, but was transferred to the One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry as Lieutenant-Colonel, enlisting from Mt. Sterling at the time of the Civil war. Mrs. Martin was educated in the schools of Quincy. By this marriage there were two children: Morris Carl, born July 27, 1884; and Edgar Scott, born June 3, 1886. They are now associated with their father in the publication of The La Harpe Times in La Harpe. The wife and mother died July 30, 1888. On the 5th of December, 1889, Dr. Martin married Clara A. Locke, who was born in Blandinsville township, McDonough county, Illinois, and was educated in the public schools of La Harpe, her parents being George and Mary E. (Webster) Locke, natives of Michigan. There are two daughters of this marriage: Mary E., born August 17, 1891;

and Esther Pearl, born November 23, 1898.

Dr. Martin is a member of the Universalist church and is a republican in politics, being prominent in the local ranks of the party. He was city clerk of Macomb for five consecutive years, from 1882 until 1886, inclusive, and since his removal to La Harpe has served as city attorney in 1890-91, tax collector in 1894-95 and in 1905 was elected alderman from the first ward for a two years' term. He has also been a member of the board of education for ten years and has been its president for two years. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Mystic Workers, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of Pythias.

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#### ANDREW J. GRIFFITH, M. D.

Andrew Jackson Griffith, now deceased, was one of the pioneer physicians of Hancock county, following his profession here when such a service demanded great personal sacrifice because of the unsettled condition of this part of the state. Later he became widely known in banking circles and at all times he stood as a high type of American manhood.

Dr. Griffith was born February 4, 1820, in the eastern part of Ohio, where his parents were temporarily located. He was a son of Llewellyn and Hannah (Hope) Griffith. The parents were of Welsh ancestry and had formerly been residents of Easton, Pennsylvania. Fol-

lowing the birth of their son they returned to Philadelphia and Llewellyn Griffith there followed the wagon-making trade during the youth of the Doctor but later removed with his family to Bernadotte, Fulton county, Illinois, where his wife died. Subsequently he came to Carthage to make his home with his son and here spent his remaining days.

Dr. Griffith acquired his early education in Philadelphia and later continued his studies in Illinois but subsequently returned to Philadelphia, where he became a student in Jefferson Medical College. He almost completed the course there but before the time of graduation came again to the west and pursued a collegiate course in the St. Louis Medical College. He located for practice in Hancock county, settling first at Fountain Green, where he soon secured a large country practice, riding over an extended section of the country. In 1854, however, he removed to Carthage and almost immediately won renown as an able physician, his business reaching large proportions. He continued in active practice until late in the '60s, when he retired from professional ranks to become one of the founders of the Hancock National Bank, of which he served as vice president for a number of years, occupying the position at the time of his death.

Dr. Griffith married Miss Margaret McClaughry of this county, a daughter of Matthew McClaughry, a pioneer of Illinois from New York. Mrs. Griffith still survives her husband, who died March 19, 1884. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and in his practice had ample opportunity to exemplify the

beneficent and helpful spirit of the craft. With the improvement of Carthage he was actively connected, being deeply interested in everything pertaining to its welfare and progress. He was one of the original committee for the organization of the Carthage College and assisted in raising the fund to erect the first buildings, also giving the ground for the college campus. He was one of the first board of directors and also at the head of building committee when the first building, now known as Main building was erected. He continued a most helpful advocate and worker in behalf of the college and remained the head of the board until within a short time of his death and in addition to his labor he contributed liberally of his means to its support. His life was at all times of intense usefulness to his fellowmen and his name became a synonym for improvement and development in public matters in this county. He commanded the respect of all by his genuine, personal worth and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

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#### CHARLES H. VAN AERNAM.

Charles H. Van Aernam is the owner of good farming property in Hancock county and has resided at his present place of residence in Montebello township since 1854. He was born in Lewis county, New York, June 16, 1848, his parents being Anthony and Susan (Wardwell) Van Aernam, both of whom

were natives of New York. The grandfather, William Van Aernam, was also a resident of the Empire state. The maternal grandparents were Dennis and Lydia (Church) Wardwell, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. In the year 1842 Austin Wardwell, a brother of Dennis Wardwell, came to Hancock county, settling in Montebello township. He took part in the Mormon war under the command of Colonel Smith, who afterward served in the Civil war. Leaving the east, Anthony Van Aernam and his family started for Illinois, making the journey by railroad to Chicago, whence they proceeded to Rock Island and down the Mississippi river to Keokuk, where they arrived on the 2d of October, 1854. In Montebello township Mr. Van Aernam purchased eighty acres on section 22. It was wild land and there were still deer and wolves in the county, while all kinds of wild fowl could be had in abundance, showing that the work of improvement had scarcely been begun and that many conditions and evidences of pioneer life were still to be seen here. Mr. Van Aernam built a house, sixteen by twenty feet, and put other improvements upon his place. With characteristic energy he began cultivating the soil and as the years passed and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his possessions until he owned two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land at the time of his death, which occurred on the 23d of August, 1904. His wife passed away December 23, 1893. In their family were four sons: George, Charles H., William and Ransom.

Charles H. Van Aernam made his home with his parents until twenty-one years of age and acquired his education in the public schools, while the periods of vacation were largely devoted to farm labor. On attaining his majority he went to Audubon county, Iowa, where he was engaged in trading in land and also in the stock business. Five years later he returned to his home place in this township and has since lived here. After about fifteen years he sold the property, which up to that time he had owned and cultivated, to his brother. He had a tract of eighty acres adjoining the home place and which had been inherited from his father, from whom he also received the personal property. On selling his original farm Mr. Van Aernam purchased his brother William's farm of eighty acres. He has altogether two hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land, making him one of the substantial agriculturists of the community, and to his work he brings intelligence and enterprise that have resulted in the acquirement of a handsome property. He has a barn, thirty by one hundred and twenty feet, a scale house and other modern equipments, and the well developed property returns to him a gratifying income. Having never married, he makes his home with his brother Ransom. His political views are in accord with republican principles and although he is not a politician in the sense of office seeking, he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day.

Ransom D. Van Aernam, rated with the representative and prosperous farmers of Montebello township, was born in

Lewis county, New York, April 16, 1852, and was educated in the district schools of Hancock county. He was reared in the usual manner of farm lads and the history of his family is given in connection with that of his brother, Charles H. Van Aernam, which appears above. He lived upon the home farm until twenty-two years of age and on the 17th of April, 1873, he was united in marriage to Miss Robenia Morrison, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, October 7, 1853, her parents being John and Robenia (Glenn) Morrison. The mother died during the infancy of her daughter and the father afterward wedded Mary Robinson, a native of Scotland. In the year 1865 he brought his family to America, settling at Hamilton in Hancock county, Illinois, where he lived for a year and then removed to Montebello township. He made his home in Iowa for five years with his daughter, Mrs. Van Aernam, and afterward returned to Hamilton, where he passed away on the 9th of August, 1885. His second wife still survives and is now residing in Kansas. Mrs. Van Aernam pursued her education in the common schools of Scotland and of Hancock county, Illinois, having been about eleven years of age when she came with her father to the United States. Two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Van Aernam removed to Audubon county, Iowa, and for seven years he rented his father's farm there and engaged in its cultivation and improvement. He afterward removed to Villisca, Montgomery county, Iowa, where he purchased a house and lot and made his home for

twenty years. He was in the employ of a hardware and implement firm for seven years during that period and for one year had charge of the county bridge work. He still owns property in Villisca, but in 1902 removed to his portion of the home place, comprising eighty acres. He has in his possession the first eighty-acre tract which his father secured on coming to Montebello township. On the farm is a barn, thirty by thirty-six feet and sixteen feet posts, which has replaced a barn that was destroyed by fire in 1895. He has a corn crib, granary and wagon shed and also a tool house, and thus his farm is well equipped, being supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. Mr. Van Aernam also owns property in Hamilton, having purchased two vacant lots there in the spring of 1906.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children. William A., born May 20, 1874, married Anna Niell, of Iowa. In November, 1902, he cut his knee with a corn knife and later blood poisoning set in, resulting in his death on the 29th of that month. Frankie A., born August 16, 1875, died of diphtheria in June, 1888. Jessie May, born in 1890, died July 4, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Van Aerman joined the Methodist Episcopal church in the winter of 1882 and she is now a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. The family has long been well known in this county and the Van Aernam brothers are prominently connected with agricultural pursuits, being known as enterprising and reliable business men, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them.



## AUGUST C. WILKE.

The gentleman whose name introduces this record is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Hancock county, and through his energy and well directed labors he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now in possession of a valuable tract of land. His birth occurred in Mecklenburg, of the fatherland, February 1, 1861, a son of Carl and Wilhelmina (Wolgast) Wilke. The paternal grandfather bore the name of John Wilke, while the maternal grandfather of our subject was John Wolgast. Carl Wilke was born in the fatherland, September 29, 1828, and was there married, April 20, 1860, to Miss Wilhelmina Wolgast, whose birth occurred March 4, 1830. They remained in their native country until 1871, when the father, hearing favorable reports concerning the advantages to be found in the new and growing country, decided to cross the Atlantic, and accordingly in that year took passage on a sailing vessel which landed in New York, from which place they traveled by rail to Dallas, this state, and from that place the father made his way to La Harpe township, where he rented a farm, on which the family took up their abode and which continued to be their home for eleven years. Having prospered in his undertakings during these years, Mr. Wilke then felt justified in purchasing land and establishing a home of his own, and accordingly bought one hundred and fifty-four acres on section 35, of which all except fourteen acres was cultivable land. He carried on the work of general farming from year to

year and as the result of his careful management added to his income annually, so that when he was called from this life he left to his family a valuable estate. His death occurred January 22, 1906, when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years, and his remains were interred in the La Harpe cemetery. His widow continues her residence on the homestead property, which is now being managed by her son, Ludwig. In the family are three sons and one daughter, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being: William C., who was born May 10, 1862, and is a resident farmer of Bushnell, Illinois; Louisa, who was born April 28, 1864, and is now the wife of Ransford Bennett, of Durham township; and Ludwig, who was born August 27, 1868, and is operating the home farm.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey August C. Wilke chose Miss Emma Bedker, whom he wedded November 30, 1882. She is a native of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, born April 5, 1861, and acquired her education in the schools of that place. She is a daughter of William and Mary (Kurt) Bedker, natives of Germany, while the paternal grandfather, Carl Bedker, and the maternal grandparents, Jochim and Mary (Hoot) Kurt, were likewise natives of the fatherland.

Following his marriage Mr. Wilke remained with his parents on the home farm, assisting in its operation for five years, and he then removed to a farm which he rented in La Harpe township for four years, after which, having saved a capital sufficient to justify the purchase of land, he invested his money in one hundred and sixty acres, of which one

hundred and fifteen acres are located on section 25, La Harpe township, and the remainder is situated on section 36. He then removed his family to the new home and is here engaged in general farming and stock-raising, having placed one hundred and twenty acres under a high state of cultivation, while the remainder of the farm is devoted to pasturage. Since locating on the place Mr. Wilke has made many improvements, including wire fences, the erection of barns and sheds for the shelter of grain, stock and farm machinery, and he recently erected a fine residence, modern in its equipments and accessories, to which the family removed on the 1st of January, of the present year. There is a fine orchard on the place containing different varieties of fruit trees, from which good crops are gathered in their season.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born a son and daughter: Louis C. W., born February 6, 1884, and Mayme E., born February 22, 1888, both at home. Mr. Wilke is a republican in his political views and affiliations and he holds membership with the German Methodist Episcopal church in La Harpe township. He takes a helpful interest in educational affairs, having served as school director continuously since 1894. Having accompanied his parents from the fatherland when only ten years of age, he has here spent the greater part of his life, and enjoyed the educational advantages of this country, although he had attended school to some extent in Germany. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy, and possessing a strong determination to win success he applied

himself diligently to his work and has availed himself of every opportunity that presented itself whereby he might advance until he is today numbered among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of this section of the state, and all the success that he has achieved has been won through his own efforts. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed people and enjoy the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

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#### WILLIAM J. RIGGINS.

William J. Riggins, who is engaged in business as a contractor and builder of La Harpe, was born in La Harpe township, Hancock county, in December, 1836. His paternal grandfather was John Riggins and his father was Wright Riggins, who was a native of North Carolina and wedded Mary Bradshaw, whose birth occurred in Warren county, Illinois, while her father, Joel Bradshaw, was a native of Tennessee. In the year 1828, Wright Riggins went to McDonough county, Illinois, and was numbered among its pioneer settlers who journeyed toward the ever receding west and aided in the reclamation of a wild and unimproved district for the purposes of civilization. The Indians were still numerous in the state and he aided in defending the frontier in the Black Hawk war. Even prior to this time he had lived for several years in Illinois, for when he removed from North Carolina he took up his abode in Madison

county and later lived in Morgan county, Illinois, where he worked. After spending about three years in McDonough county he settled in La Harpe township, Hancock county, in 1831, and purchased about eight hundred acres of land from the government, securing his title to the same from the land office in Quincy, Illinois. All was wild and uncultivated and about two hundred acres of it was covered with timber. He took up the task of breaking the sod and improving the farm, having the first improved farm west of La Harpe. For many years he was successfully and actively engaged in general agricultural pursuits, bringing his farm under a high state of cultivation and finding that through care it could be made into a productive place, the well tilled fields yielding bounteous harvests. He continued to reside upon the farm in this county until his death, which occurred in January, 1876, while his wife passed away in April, 1844.

William J. Riggins is the only surviving member of a family of three daughters and four sons, of whom one son and one daughter were older than himself. He was reared amid the environments and surroundings of pioneer life and began his education in a little log school-house, while later he attended school in La Harpe. He spent his boyhood days with his parents and from the time of early spring planting until crops were gathered in the late autumn he aided in the work of the fields. He was thus engaged until twenty-one years of age, when he started out in life on his own account and completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage

in October, 1858, to Miss Eliza Ann Peck, who was born in Galloway county, Ohio, in 1835, and was a daughter of Peter Peck. Unto this marriage were born seven children: William Riley, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Pernila, the wife of Jacob Hesh, of McDonough county, Illinois; Roena Belle, who became the wife of Samuel Owings and died in the spring of 1896, in Hancock county; Arali, the wife of Gillard Tilton, of La Harpe, Illinois; Wesley, a carpenter, of Peoria, Illinois; Edwin J., also a carpenter, residing at Peoria; and Abigail, the wife of A. B. Barlow, an engineer on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad. The wife and mother passed away in August, 1871, and Mr. Riggins was again married on the 3d of December, 1873, his second union being with Miss Amelia Bush, who was born February 11, 1844, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and acquired her education in the common schools of that state. Her parents, John C. and Henrietta (Schmidt) Bush, were both natives of Germany. The children of the second marriage are: Carolina, at home; James Albert, who died at the age of twenty years; and Ernest Weaver, who died in infancy.

Following his first marriage Mr. Riggins located upon one hundred acres of the home farm, which he purchased from his father and there he resided continuously until September, 1876, when he sold that property and bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pontoosuc township, Hancock county, making his home thereon for a decade, or until September, 1886, when he also sold this farm. He then pur-

chased one acre of land in La Harpe, on which he erected his present residence, having since made it his home. He also built four other houses but has sold all except the one which he now occupies and one which he rents. On removing to La Harpe he purchased a butcher shop, which he conducted for two years and then became identified with building operations as a carpenter and contractor. He still continues actively in this line of business and has erected a number of the important structures of La Harpe and vicinity. He also bought four lots in Peoria and has built two houses thereon.

Mr. Riggins is a democrat in his political affiliation and has served as supervisor and also as assessor. In the spring of 1906 he was elected as mayor of the city of La Harpe to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. A. Knappenberger. He has led a life characterized by industry and carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He has always lived in this section of the state and the fact that many who have known him from his boyhood to the present are numbered among his staunchest friends, is an indication that he has displayed many sterling traits of character as the years have gone by.

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#### EDWARD BRINES.

From an early period in the development of Hancock county to the present time Edward Brines has been numbered

among its residents and is now living in Augusta. He was born in Schuyler county, near Rushville, Illinois, October 29, 1829, and has therefore attained the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey. He was only two years of age when his parents removed with their family to Wabash county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming, and in the public schools there the son acquired his education and in the summer months assisted in the labors of the farm. He resided there until twenty-one years of age, performing the various tasks incident to the raising of the crops and the care of the stock. In the fall of 1850 he returned to his native county, where he engaged in farming on his own account, cultivating a tract of rented land. He there resided until the spring of 1874, when he came to Hancock county and took up his abode in Augusta township, about three and a half miles southeast of the village of Augusta. Here he also rented a farm until the spring of 1878, when he located in Augusta, where he has since resided. He has been totally blind for the past twenty years but has learned to do some kinds of work, such as caning chairs and occupies much of his time in this way.

Mr. Brines was married on the 21st of August, 1851, to Miss Mary Jane Curry, who was born in Kentucky, whence she came to Illinois with her parents when six years of age, the family home being established near Rushville, where she was reared and educated. The family resided on a farm about two miles east of Rushville and there she remained until her marriage. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brines were born eight children. Nancy

Susan, the eldest, is the widow of John N. Stark, who was a farmer of Augusta township. She now resides in California and has two children, Earl, of Chicago, and Kitty, who is the wife of Neal Thronson, of Minnesota, and has three children, Elyra, Norma and Newman. George H. Brines resides in Kansas, where he follows farming and merchandising in Attica. He married Miss Ollie Manson and has three children, Haey, Carl and Helen. Charles Brines died at the age of four years, Edgar at the age of three, Mabel at the age of two and three other children died unnamed in infancy.

Mr. Brines exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy but never sought or desired office, preferring always to give his undivided attention to his business interests and until blindness overtook him he led a very busy and useful life. Both he and his wife are members of the Christian church and are well known in Augusta, being classed with the worthy and respected citizens here.

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#### GEORGE KLINEFELTER.

George Klinefelter, devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits in Chili township, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1852, and is one of the four children and only living representative of the family of John and Rebecca (Worrell) Klinefelter. The father's birth occurred in Mount Bethel, Northampton

county, Pennsylvania. He was a practicing physician as was also the grandfather of our subject, who was a native of the same state. Dr. John Klinefelter was born in 1826, and died in 1868, at the comparatively early age of forty-two years, his remains being interred in Pennsylvania. His widow, who was born September 8, 1830, came to Illinois after the death of her husband and died in 1885, being laid to rest in Chili cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a most estimable lady. Her son, Joseph, who died in Minnesota, July 21, 1906, was brought to this county for interment in Chili cemetery and was laid by the side of his mother. Mr. Klinefelter had an uncle on his father's side who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, while two of his uncles in the maternal line were soldiers of the Civil war.

George Klinefelter acquired his education in the schools of Pennsylvania. He came to Illinois, however, in 1867, at the age of fourteen years and lived with his mother in Chili township, Hancock county, until he had attained his majority. He early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist and throughout his entire life has carried on general farming. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Parker, who was born in Chili township in 1849, a daughter of David and Sarah (Todd) Parker, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1806, and the latter in Connecticut in 1821. Her father followed agricultural pursuits and on coming to Hancock county settled in Chili township, where he resided until his death. He was in the Mormon war of 1844 and was

connected with other events of early historic importance. In his family were four children, namely: Mrs. Klinefelter; B. F. Parker, of Chili; and two who have passed away. The father died in 1894, while his wife departed this life in December, 1868. Both were members of the Presbyterian church and were devoted Christian people. When Mr. Parker arrived in Hancock county in 1837 it was all open prairie and Indians could be seen daily in their tramps through this part of the state. There were many wolves and herds of wild deer were frequently seen, venison being no unusual dish upon the pioneer table. There were many kinds of lesser game and every evidence of frontier life could here be found. There were few houses between Chili and Carthage and the work of development and improvement seemed scarcely begun but Mr. Parker and other pioneer settlers laid broad and deep the foundation for the present development and progress of the county.

For some years after their marriage Mr. Klinefelter and his wife lived with her parents. He is now the owner of seventy-five acres of land on section 30, Chili township, and he built thereon his present residence, together with substantial barns and other outbuildings. He is now carrying on general farming and also raises some stock and the work of the fields is carefully conducted and results in rich harvests. He has never had time nor inclination to seek public office but has always given a stalwart support to the Republican party and its principles. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are interested

in its work. They are esteemed in the community as people of genuine personal worth, their good qualities of heart and mind winning for them the friendship and regard of those with whom they have been associated.

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#### MAX LAUBERSHEIMER.

Occupying a leading position among the prominent and influential farmers of Appanoose township, Hancock county, Illinois, is the subject of this sketch, Max Laubersheimer, who was born across the water, his natal day being November 11, 1839, and the place of his nativity Rheim, Bavaria, Germany. When a youth of eighteen years he accompanied his parents, Laurence and Barbara (Ballinger) Laubersheimer, to the new world, their destination being New Orleans, in which city they remained for only six months, at the end of which time, in the spring of 1858, they went to St. Louis, where they spent the succeeding six months, and in the fall of that year removed to Nauvoo, Illinois. Previous to the removal of the family to the United States the father had engaged in farming in his native country and also conducted a grocery store there. After his arrival in Nauvoo he purchased a house and an acre of ground and in this city his death occurred in February, 1883, while his wife survived him for only a short period, passing away on the 31st of November following. Franz Schreiber's father conducted three

very large hotels in the Alps, and after coming to this country located for a time in Missouri, where he was watch-maker, but he later came to Nauvoo, where he followed his trade, and was here joined by his family in 1853. His death here occurred in 1873, while his wife had passed away on the 10th of December, 1854. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Laubersheimer there were three sons and a daughter, of whom the subject of this review is the eldest, and he also has a half sister.

Max Laubersheimer, on his arrival with his parents in New Orleans, was employed for one month in a hotel in that city and for five months was a bartender. After the removal of the family to St. Louis he learned the barber's trade, which he followed for some time before coming to Nauvoo. In 1865, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations, and responded to the country's call for aid by his enlistment at Chicago in the Twenty-third Illinois Infantry, being assigned to duty in Company G of that command. He participated in the siege of Richmond with the army of the Potomac, and was honorably discharged in August of that year, having served from March preceding. While at Richmond he was poisoned by mistake and for a time was in a serious condition and after his return home was confined to his bed for three months, and he has never entirely recovered from its effects, having been in poor health ever since his service in the army.

About a year after his return home from the war Mr. Laubersheimer again resumed his trade as a barber, which he continued to follow until 1885. In the

meantime he had purchased a tract of land of one hundred and eleven acres, situated on section 19, Appanoose township, of which only twenty acres had been cleared of the timber. The only building on the place consisted of an old log house, and, having made a small addition to the house, he made this his home until 1899, and this primitive dwelling was then replaced by a modern frame residence, containing eight rooms and supplied with all conveniences for the comfort of the family. He has cleared about fifty acres of timber and has placed many modern improvements on his land, and here with the assistance of his eldest son he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, having fine grades of horses, cattle and hogs, and both branches of his business are proving a gratifying source of income to him. In former years he was engaged to some extent in the raising of fruit, mostly of berries, but is not now engaged in horticultural pursuits. His farm is one of the attractive features of the landscape, being situated on a high point, commanding an excellent view of the Mississippi river, of the city of Fort Madison six miles distant and of Montrose, Iowa, three and a half miles distant.

On the 6th of January, 1861, Mr. Laubersheimer was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Schreiber, a native of Switzerland, born September 24, 1842, and a daughter of Franz and Barbara Ann (Weber) Schreiber. Her paternal grandfather was Franz Schreiber, while the maternal grandfather was Sebastian Antone Weber. Mrs. Laubersheimer acquired her education in the schools of her

native country and also in the schools of Nauvoo. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four sons and eight daughters, namely: George, born October 4, 1861, and assisting his father in the operation of the home farm; Matilda, born November 31, 1862, who died in infancy; Valentine, who was born September 11, 1864, and also died in infancy; Emilia A., born September 27, 1866, and is now the wife of John E. Schaefer, of Burlington, Iowa; John, who was born April 4, 1868, and is now engaged in merchandising in Nauvoo; Valentine, born July 15, 1870, and died in infancy; Bertha A., who was born October 13, 1872, and is now the wife of Albert Herbert, of Appanoose township; Sophia Adel, who was born April 1, 1874, and is now the wife of Frank A. Wilkins, of Sonora township; Dena, born September 9, 1876, and is the wife of William Clark, of Pontoosuc township; Marie Edith, born January 4, 1878, and now the wife of Joseph T. Boeddeker, of Niota, Illinois; Josephine Elizabeth, born June 20, 1880, and now the wife of Henry J. Boeddeker, of Appanoose township; and Florence Gertrude, born May 8, 1883, and now the wife of Henry A. Boeddeker, of Appanoose township.

Mr. Laubersheimer acquired his education in the common schools of his native country and later pursued a six months' course of study in a college of Germany before accompanying his parents to the United States. He was reared in the faith of the Republican party and has taken an active interest in the ranks of his party, having served as alderman of the second ward in Nauvoo, as city

treasurer for seven years and as school director for nine years, in all of which positions he was loyal to the best interests of the public at large. Although starting out in life on his own account in a strange land, without financial assistance, Mr. Laubersheimer started at the bottom round of the ladder and through his persistency of purpose and his laudable ambition he has worked his way steadily upward until he occupies a foremost place among the leading agriculturists of his adopted county.

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#### SAMUEL SWEENEY.

Samuel Sweeney, engaged in business in Carthage as a stone mason and also conducting a general teaming business, was born in Preble county, Ohio, October 10, 1846, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Hoover) Sweeney. The father was born in Fredericksburg, Maryland, and the mother near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. George Sweeney was a farmer by occupation and on leaving Ohio, where he resided for a number of years, traveled across the country with team to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1852, being fifteen days upon the way. He settled on a farm in Carthage township, living in a log house for some time and with characteristic energy and purpose he improved his farm, placing it under a high state of cultivation. In 1870 he built a large modern residence and made other improvements, transforming the place



into an excellent farm property, which he continued to cultivate until November, 1886, when he retired and took up his abode in the city of Carthage. He voted with the Republican party and served as school director and road supervisor. Both he and his wife were faithful members and active workers in the Presbyterian church, in which he served as an elder from 1854 until the time of his death, his labor proving a source of much benefit in various church activities. He died honored and respected by all, March 27, 1891, and his wife, who was a most estimable lady, passed away in November, 1889. Both were laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery. In their family were nine children: Jacob and William, both deceased; Susan, the wife of Milton Wieder, of Carthage; George, who is living in Carthage; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Biery, of Carthage; Reader, who died in the Civil war while serving in the Seventh Missouri Cavalry; Samuel, of this review; Alexander M., who is living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Mary, the wife of Thomas Metcalf, of Carthage.

Samuel Sweeney was educated in the public school called the Mount Zion school, north of Carthage, and when not busy with his text-books worked at farm labor. He lived with his parents until twenty-eight years of age, although for a short time previous he was engaged in farming on his own account. On the 24th of March, 1874, he married Miss Alice Jordan, who was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, June 26, 1851, a daughter of Aaron and Mergeline (Robinson) Jordan, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a

schoolteacher and followed the profession of teaching in the public schools of Ohio for many years. He also engaged in merchandising there for some time and was a man of marked intellectual force and business ability. In 1859 he came to Hancock county, settling near Warsaw, where he taught school and also engaged in farming until 1870, when he took up his abode upon a farm near Carthage, there residing until his death, which occurred on the 26th of November, 1876. His wife had passed away June 23, 1872, and both were buried in Wythe township cemetery. Mr. Jordan in his political views was a stalwart republican and held various positions in Ohio and also in this county, ever proving faithful to the trust reposed in him. In his fraternal relations he was a Mason and Odd Fellow and took a very prominent part in the work of the lodges in the Buckeye state. Both he and his wife held membership in the Presbyterian church and he acted as an elder from his twenty-first year until his death. In the work of the church he was very greatly interested and took an active part in advancing the growth and extending the influence of his denomination. His wife, too, shared with him in the good work and both were earnest Christian people, enjoying in unqualified measure the good will and respect of those with whom they were associated. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are now living: Mary L. Jordan, who for thirty years engaged in teaching school in Illinois and Kansas, but is now living in Anthony, Kansas; Plummer, who died in May, 1867; Mrs. Sweeney; Mercy, the wife of Benoine Warne, who resides in

South Zanesville, Ohio; Merritt Jordan, living in Kansas City, Kansas; Harriet Jordan, who resides in Anthony, Kansas, where she is a successful music teacher; Silas R., who died in Kansas in 1892; J. Arthur, who lives in Freeport, Kansas; Abraham and Grace, the former living in Anthony, Kansas, with his two sisters, while the latter died in 1888, after having taught school successfully for seven years in Harper county, Kansas.

Silas Robinson, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Sweeney, served with the militia during the Revolutionary war, and his son and namesake, the grandfather of Mrs. Sweeney, was a soldier of the war of 1812, while two of his brothers, Isaac and Aaron, also fought for the American interests in that struggle. Aaron Jordan, father of Mrs. Sweeney, had seventeen relatives in the Civil war.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney lived for four years in a log cabin, which his parents had built when they came to Illinois. In 1878 they removed to Sumner county, Kansas, settling on a frontier farm forty miles from a railroad and sharing in the usual experiences and hardships of pioneer life. They remained for three and a half years in the Sunflower state and then returned to Hancock county, after which they spent a similar period upon a farm in Carthage township. Later they resided again in Kansas for ten years and in 1895 they took up their abode in the city of Carthage, where Mr. Sweeney has since engaged in teaming and also working as a stone mason. They purchased a pretty home at No. 904 Buchanan street in 1900 and have here since lived. They are con-

sistent and helpful members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Sweeney has served as an elder since 1885, while Mrs. Sweeney is a popular teacher in the Sunday-school. She was also a teacher in the public schools for a part of five years prior to her marriage. Mr. Sweeney votes with the Republican party and his interest in community affairs is that of a public-spirited citizen. Unto this worthy couple have been born six children. Mergeline E., born in Hancock county, was formerly a teacher in this county but has been in the telephone exchange for the past five years. Hattie M., born in Sumner county, Kansas, died there in 1897. Grace E., born in Sumner county, is a stenographer, bookkeeper and cashier for the Western Electric Company, at Kansas City, Missouri, with which she has been connected for three years. Minnie Alice, born in Hancock county, is also in the telephone exchange here. George A., born in Kansas, in October, 1885, is living at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Carrie Helen, born in Kansas, is now a sophomore in the high school at Carthage. Minnie is a graduate of the high school and all are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Sweeney is classed with those business men who are known as self-made, having started in life without family or pecuniary assistance, placing his dependence upon industry and enterprise to gain him a living. His Christian faith has prompted him to follow the golden rule at all times in business transactions as well as in social relations. In manner he is quiet and unostentatious but possesses sterling traits of character that have won him warm regard. He now

has a comfortable home in Carthage and has provided a good living for his family, and both Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney occupy a very enviable position in the friendship of those with whom they have come in contact. Their religious faith has permeated their lives and has been the decisive factor which has governed their actions on many occasions.

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### JOSIAH C. BELL.

Josiah C. Bell, a highly respected citizen of Warsaw, where he is living retired, was born in Tyler county, West Virginia, September 5, 1834. His father, William H. Bell, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1801, and was there married, on the 12th of September, 1826, to Miss Rebecca Coyn, whose birth occurred in Allegheny county, September 27, 1801. Following their marriage they removed to Tyler county, West Virginia, where they located on a farm, there remaining until the spring of 1835, when they removed to Ohio, settling in Monroe county, where the father purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres, which he operated until 1857, when he disposed of his property and came to Warsaw, Illinois, where he lived retired throughout his remaining days, his death occurring April 15, 1877. His wife, however, had preceded him to the home beyond, she having passed away October 22, 1858. In their family were seven children, five sons and two daughters, and three of the sons

were valiant and loyal soldiers in the Civil war, one of the number having enlisted in West Virginia, a second in Ohio, and the third in Warsaw.

Josiah C. Bell, the fourth in order of birth in his father's family, spent his boyhood and youth in the home of his parents, accompanying them on their various removals, and during the years of their residence in Ohio he acquired his education in the public schools. He was there reared to farm life, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm when not busy with his text-books, and thus gained practical knowledge of the best methods of cultivating the soil. During the seasons of the year when his services were not required on the farm he also worked on various boats which plied on the Ohio river, first being employed as cabin boy, but by faithful service and capability he was promoted from time to time until he became steward of the boat. He likewise learned the stone-cutter's trade in the Buckeye state and was employed in that line of work there for one year. When his father disposed of the farm property there the son, Josiah, attended to the business in connection therewith and then accompanied his parents on their removal to this state, being then a young man of twenty-three years.

Following his arrival in Warsaw Mr. Bell continued his work as a stone-cutter, being employed by others in this way for about thirteen years, or until 1870, when, in company with Henry Beach, he opened a marble yard in the village, which was successfully conducted until 1884. In that year Mr. Bell disposed of his business interests and made a contract to de-

liver the mail on the Star route, radiating from the city, which position he held during the succeeding four years, since which time he has lived retired, occupying a pleasant home which is located on the corner of Fifth and Jackson streets.

As a companion and helpmate for life's journey Mr. Bell chose Miss Sarah E. French, to whom he was married on the 28th of April, 1861. She was born near Nashville, Tennessee, January 30, 1839, a daughter of John and Mary J. (Fowler) French, the former born near Nashville, and the latter in South Carolina. When Mrs. Bell was a child her parents removed to Missouri, and there her father's death occurred in 1850. The following year, 1851, at the time of a flood caused by the overflowing of the Missouri river, the family lost all their property and personal effects and the mother with her children came to Warsaw, Illinois, where she has since resided.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born nine children, of whom two are deceased: Emma Jane, who was born April 9, 1862, is a teacher of English and history in the Lutheran College at Carthage, Illinois; Clara died in infancy. Flora G., the next member of the family, was born March 30, 1865. Carrol M., who was born March 25, 1867, is an engineer, being located at Greencastle, Indiana. Rose E., who was born August 17, 1869, was engaged in teaching for eight years but is now pursuing a course in a college in Chicago to prepare her for work as a deaconess. Guy E., born December 7, 1874, is a photographer of Keokuk, Iowa. Alberta, who was born December 21, 1876, died in infancy. The

two younger members of the family are Eugenia M., who was born May 10, 1879, and Jessie Mildred, born May 16, 1881. Besides rearing their own family Mr. and Mrs. Bell have reared two children, which they adopted as their own, these being Robert Turnpaugh, who was born May 22, 1884, and Mildred McKinney, whose birth occurred February 21, 1887.

Mr. Bell is a prohibitionist in his political affiliation, thus indicating his views on the temperance question. He has served on the board of health at Warsaw for fifteen years and for two years was truant officer. In his religious faith he is a Methodist, holding membership with that organization in his city, and he is likewise a charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen lodge of Warsaw, having become identified with the order September 21, 1877.

Having spent the greater part of his life in Hancock county, covering a period of almost a half century, Mr. Bell is widely known and commands the respect and good will of all with whom he is associated.

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#### JAMES F. CRAWFORD.

James F. Crawford, well deserving of mention in the history of Hancock county, as one of its progressive and representative citizens, has served as postmaster of Warsaw since 1897 and for some years has been identified with its business interests. Born in this county, September 2, 1851, he is a son of Thomas

and Serepta J. (Doughty) Crawford, who are mentioned on another page of this work in connection with the sketch of Charles C. Crawford.

In the district schools James F. Crawford began his education, which was continued in the Christian University, at Canton, Missouri. His father died soon afterward and as James was the eldest son of the family upon him devolved the care of his widowed mother and younger brothers and sisters. He remained upon the home farm, carefully conducting the work until his marriage, which was celebrated October 10, 1876, Mary E. Tappe becoming his wife. They were married in Quincy. Mrs. Crawford was born October 10, 1857, a daughter of Colonel William D. and Belinda (Shinn) Tappe. Her father was editing a newspaper in Virginia at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war and became a colonel in the Confederate army. After the war he removed to Illinois, where he died in 1903, while his widow yet resides in Quincy. Their family numbered four children: Mrs. Crawford; William and John Lewis, of Quincy; and Mrs. Lucy Pringle, who is with her mother.

In 1880 Mr. Crawford took up his abode in Warsaw, where he engaged in the hay and grain business until 1890, when he turned his attention to real estate dealing, in which he has since continued, negotiating many important realty transfers. He has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and since the 1st of October, 1897, has served as postmaster of Warsaw, his administration of the affairs of the office being prompt and

businesslike. He has also been city clerk and supervisor and his official service reflects credit upon his party. For fourteen years he has been chairman of the republican congressional committee and is recognized as one of the republican leaders of this part of the state, his labors having been far-reaching and beneficial in support of the principles in which he believes so firmly.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have been born four children: Erle Thomas, located in Forsyth, Montana; William R., of St. Louis, Missouri; James L., stenographer, and Lucy Gladys, at home. All of the the sons are graduates of the Warsaw schools and have received training in business colleges. The mother and children are communicants of the Episcopal church and Mr. Crawford was reared in the Christian church, although he is not a member. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in Masonry, has filled all the offices in the local lodge and has been identified with the Odd Fellows. Accommodating, and reliable in the discharge of his official duties, genial and friendly in disposition, he is a popular man in Warsaw and in political circles throughout this part of the state.

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#### JOHN HERBERT.

John Herbert, who departed this life at the venerable age of eighty-three years, was for a long period a well known farmer of Hancock county. He was born in

Hanover, Germany, September 22, 1811, and acquired a common-school education there. Having reached adult age, he was married in Germany to Miss Catherine Trenton, and they became the parents of six children, of whom two are now living: Henry, who resides in Oklahoma; and Martin, who makes his home in Missouri. In the year 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert bade adieu to friends and native land and sailed for the new world, for favorable reports had been received by them concerning the opportunities that were offered in this country, and believing that they might more readily attain success they crossed the briny deep. The death of Mrs. Herbert occurred in St. Louis, in 1849, resulting from an attack of cholera which in that year was epidemic in the country.

On the 2d of December, 1850, Mr. Herbert wedded Miss Mary E. Derlan, who was born in Prussia, June 1, 1828. For a year and a half after his first marriage he remained in St. Louis, and in 1852 removed to Adams county, Illinois, where he rented a farm for one year. In 1853 he came to Nauvoo and purchased two and a half acres in the southeast part of the Kimball addition. There he lived for eight years, when he bought twenty acres in Nauvoo township. In 1869 he became owner of forty acres in Appanoose township, and in 1880 he bought ten acres more. Upon that place he carried on the work of tilling the soil and cultivating fruit, having three acres planted to grapes, while he also had many peach and other fruit trees upon the place. He kept in touch with modern progress, concerning agricultural and horticultural

interests, and not the least important feature of his success was his unfaltering industry.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Herbert were born three sons and a daughter: Frank, who was born February 10, 1853, and is now living in Appanoose township; Agnes, who was born December 27, 1855, and is the wife of William Arenz, a resident of Holyoke, Phillips county, Colorado; Albert, who was born February 22, 1861, and makes his home in Appanoose township; and Louis, who was born November 13, 1860, and was drowned July 8, 1878. The death of the father occurred February 16, 1895, when he was in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and his remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Nauvoo. He had been a life-long communicant of the Catholic church, and was a democrat in his political allegiance. He was thoroughly in sympathy with American institutions and with the spirit of republican government and in the community where he made his home he took an active and helpful interest in many movements for general progress. He was devoted to his family and through his business affairs secured to them a good property and comfortable competence. In September, 1889, Mrs. Herbert purchased eight acres of land in Sonora township, on which is a residence and barn, and she now rents this property to John Faulkner. She still makes her home on the old farm which her husband purchased many years ago, and her residence in the county covers more than a half century, for it was still an early period in the development of this part of the state when she accompanied her hus-

band on his removal from Adams to Hancock county. She has therefore been a witness of many of the changes which have occurred and the events that have taken place in the county, and deserves mention in this volume as one of the worthy pioneer women.

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### GEORGE SMITH.

Among the residents of Hancock county of foreign birth is numbered George Smith, who was born in Banffshire, Scotland, on the 11th of October, 1834. He is a grandson of George Smith, and a son of David and Margaret (Duff) Smith. The father was a resident farmer of Scotland and died in his native country in the year 1853. His wife also passed away there.

George Smith acquired his education in the parish schools of his native country, was reared to the occupation of farming and continued to assist his father in general agricultural pursuits until the latter's death. He was a young man of about twenty-two years when in 1856 he crossed the ocean to America, making his way to Quebec, Canada, where he worked at farm labor for a year. He afterward went to Montreal, Canada, whence he took a boat up the St. Lawrence river and across Lake Ontario to Hamilton, Canada. From that point he proceeded by rail to Detroit, Michigan, and on to Chicago, to Rock Island and down the Mississippi river to Montrose, Iowa,

whence he continued the journey by rail to Keokuk. Thence he came to Montebello township, Hancock county, where he worked for two and a half years by the month as a farm hand. In 1860 he rented a farm, whereon he resided for eight years and later he lived upon another place for two years and upon a third farm for six years. In 1874 he invested his earnings in eighty acres of land on section 14, Montebello township, Hancock county. This was partially improved and in 1876 he added thereto eighty acres more. He built a house of seven rooms and he has put up barns and likewise fences. He has now many rods of fine hedge fence. He has carried on general farming and stock-raising, making a specialty of cattle and hogs, and his well developed farm property returns to him an excellent income.

On the 18th of August, 1854, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Margaret McDonald, who was born September 25, 1833, and is a daughter of John and Jane (Donald) McDonald, who lived and died in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had one child, David, who was born in Scotland, February 1, 1856, and died near Montreal, Canada, February 18, 1857.

While in his native country Mr. Smith held membership in the Presbyterian church. He votes with the democracy and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He is in fact in hearty sympathy with the institutions of this republic and has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world, realizing the advantages that are here offered where labor

is not hampered by caste or class. He has steadily made substantial progress in his business career and is now in possession of a very comfortable home and good property.

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### WILLIAM C. REIMBOLD.

William C. Reimbold, owner and proprietor of a hotel in Nauvoo, his native city, was here born November 27, 1860, a son of Casper W. and Elizabeth (Bush) Reimbold, both natives of Cologne, Germany, the former a son of William and Christina (Bruner) Reimbold. The father on coming to Hancock county in 1849, settled in Nauvoo, where he engaged in a merchandising enterprise. After residing here for a number of years he went to New York city, there engaging in the manufacture of confectionery, which he continued for three years, and then went to Chicago, where he continued in the same line of trade for a year. He then again came to Nauvoo, where he conducted a confectionery store, and also conducted a freighting outfit until his death, which here occurred July 23, 1903, and thus passed away one of the worthy citizens of this city, where he had for many years been a factor in business life. He is still survived by his widow, who yet makes her home in Nauvoo.

William C. Reimbold attended the common schools of Nauvoo to the age of thirteen years, and at that time became his father's assistant, driving a transfer

wagon for him for several years. He then, in 1891, purchased the business from his father and conducted the business on his own account until March, 1901. In the meantime, in January, 1894, he had purchased what was known as the Swartz residence, which he remodeled and added to, converting the place into a hotel, which he called the Oriental Hotel. This is the only hotel in Nauvoo and under the management of Mr. Reimbold it enjoys a very large trade from the traveling public, for it is an up-to-date house, supplied with every convenience and comfort for the convenience of the patrons.

On the 27th of October, 1887, Mr. Reimbold was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hillisheim, a native of Sonora township, born September 13, 1861, and a daughter of Garrett and Margaret Hillisheim, natives of Hanover and Bavaria, Germany, respectively. Mrs. Reimbold acquired her education in the common schools and by her marriage has become the mother of one son, William C., born January 12, 1899.

In politics Mr. Reimbold is independent, supporting men rather than adhering to party ties, while in his fraternal relations he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to the lodge at Nauvoo. He possesses a genial, kindly manner.

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### JAMES A. ROSEBERRY.

James A. Roseberry, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Sonora town-



ship, represents one of the pioneer families of Illinois, his parents having removed from Kentucky in May, 1832, and located in Adams county, where the father entered land at Columbus, near Quincy. He there engaged in farming until his life's labors were ended in death and there he passed away in 1881, having survived his wife for only five days.

James A. Roseberry, whose name introduces this record, is the eldest in a family of seven sons and two daughters, his birth having occurred near Louisville, Kentucky, on the 4th of July, 1830. He was only two years of age when brought to Illinois by his parents, the family home being located in Adams county at Columbus, where he acquired his education in the common schools. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and then started out in life on his own account by engaging in the work to which he had been reared. He first operated rented land in Adams county for two years, and on the 25th of April, 1857, arrived in Sonora township, Hancock county, where he purchased eighty acres of land on section 34. This was unimproved when it came into his possession but he at once set to work to develop and cultivate his fields. He also built fences, and erected a dwelling, set out fruit trees and otherwise improved his property. At a later date his first residence was replaced by a larger dwelling and he has now one of the fine country homes of this section of the county, and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, including horses, cattle and hogs, of which he has good grades.

On the 10th of March, 1854, occurred the marriage of Mr. Roseberry and Miss Emily Jane Payne, a native of Adams county, and a daughter of Henry and Anna (Pounds) Payne, natives of the Blue Grass state. Of this marriage four sons and two daughters were born, namely: William, a resident of Oklahoma; Annie, the wife of Edward Utterback, a resident of Kansas; Henry, of Osceola, Nebraska; Everett and Lincoln, both of Portland, Oregon; and Emma, the wife of Martin Egan, of Hamilton, this state. The mother of these children passed away in December, 1866, and in October, 1868, the father was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Roseberry, a native of Adams county, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Mary (McElhenny) Roseberry. The surviving son of this marriage is Edward, who assists in the operation of the farm, while the daughter, Cora, became the wife of Frank Nowles, of Almira, Washington, and died in 1904, leaving one son and three daughters.

Mr. Roseberry supports the Republican party and has served as school director and trustee, but aside from being interested in the educational development of his community has taken no active interest in public office. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church at Sonora. He has worked earnestly and persistently in his efforts to accumulate a good property, for, though starting out in life without capital he is today in possession of an excellent farm on which are found all modern improvements, and by honesty

and fair dealing has won a place among the highly esteemed residents of this portion of the state.

Since the above was written Mr. Roseberry has passed away, his death occurring at the home place on October 20, 1906, and is buried at Curry cemetery in Sonora township.

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### THOMAS J. BAINTER.

Thomas J. Bainter, residing in the city of La Harpe, where he owns a nice home, and where he is acting as janitor of the Christian church, is a native of Muskingum county, Ohio, his birth having there occurred October 31, 1834, a son of George and Lucy (Meater) Bainter, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born August 14, 1771, a son of Godfrey Bainter. The father of our subject was engaged in the manufacture of chairs in Ohio for many years, but both he and his wife are now deceased, the former having passed away September 13, 1849, while his wife survived until October 20, 1857. The father had been married previously, his first union being with Miss Lydia Sprague, who was born September 28, 1777, and to whom he was married August 9, 1796. The children of this marriage were: John S., who was born August 12, 1797; Ellis, born October 23, 1799; James, January 6, 1802; Sprague, September 17, 1804; Anson, October 8, 1806; Calvery, September 20, 1808; Belinda M., September 14, 1811; Mary S., April 3, 1814; and Lydia C., September 15, 1817. After losing his first wife the

father was then married, in 1830, to Lucy Meater, who became the mother of our subject and who is the second in order of birth, his surviving brother being George W., who was born June 4, 1832, while Henry, who was born August 14, 1836, died at the age of six years.

Thomas J. Bainter, whose name introduces this record, pursued his studies in the district schools of Ohio, and remained with his parents to the age of twenty-one years, when, leaving his native state, he made his way to Burlington, Iowa, where he remained for a time, and later continued his journey to La Harpe, this county, where he was employed at farm labor until 1857. He then again made his way to Iowa, locating in Johnson county, where he was employed in a hotel for a year. In the spring of 1858 he once more came to La Harpe, where he was married on the 5th of August following, Miss Elmira Gray becoming his wife. She was a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and a daughter of David Gray, who was born in the Buckeye state, June 20, 1811, while her mother, who bore the maiden name of Henrietta Richard, was there born October 30, 1812, and on the 28th of March, 1823, was united in marriage to David Gray.

Of the first marriage of Mr. Bainter there were born two sons and two daughters, all of whom survive, namely: Ronaldo, who was born May 7, 1859, and is now a resident of Story county, Iowa; Sarah Ellen, who was born September 11, 1861, and is now the wife of George Carter, a resident of Durham township; John H., born November 23, 1863; and Jennie A., who was born November 25,

1866, and is the widow of Charles Anderson, residing in La Harpe. The mother of these children passed away June 26, 1900, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at La Harpe. For his second wife Mr. Bainter then chose Mrs. Angeline Scott, whom he wedded December 25, 1901. She was born in Champaign county, Ohio, December 12, 1832, and was the widow of George Scott, to whom she was married December 24, 1858, and who, in 1860, had gone with a company to California, where he was drowned three years later. By this marriage there is one son, Isaac Scott, who was born in October, 1859, and is now a resident of Fremont county, Iowa. Mrs. Bainter is a daughter of Louis and Eliza (Anderson) Long, natives of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, the former born July 26, 1803, a son of Sphenar Long, likewise a native of the Keystone state, while the mother's birth occurred March 7, 1806. Unto Louis and Eliza Long were born the following named: Elizabeth Ann, who became the wife of James Smith, and died in Kansas; Caroline, who became the wife of M. Porter, and also passed away in that state; David, who passed away in La Harpe; Angeline, now the wife of our subject; Joseph, who died in Sciota, Illinois; Mrs. Lavonia Minnick, a resident of California; Mary C., the wife of Z. Birch, and a resident of Burlington, Iowa; Louis E., who died at La Harpe; Charles, of Good Hope, Illinois; Eleanor J., the widow of L. Oakes, and a resident of Nebraska; Laura and Bathsheba, twins, who died in infancy; Annette, the wife of James Marshall, of Whiting, Kansas; and Henrietta, twin

sister of Annette, and the wife of John Gray, a resident of Nebraska. By a second marriage of Louis Long there are two sons and a daughter: Louis, of La Harpe township; George, of Henderson county, Illinois; and Daisy, the wife of Marion Huston, of La Harpe.

Following his first marriage Mr. Bainter continuously followed general agricultural pursuits until 1895, when he removed to La Harpe, where he had purchased a house and two lots in 1892. Since locating here he has greatly improved the place, having set out many shade and fruit trees, has erected a barn and tool sheds, and has a nice residence, which stands in the midst of a well kept lawn, and altogether has one of the best homes in the city. In his political views Mr. Bainter is a democrat, and in his religious faith is identified with the Christian church at La Harpe, of which he is now acting as janitor.

Mr. Bainter has resided in Hancock county for almost a half century and owing to his reliable and straightforward dealing is accounted one of the highly respected citizens of his community. He has now passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey but is still a hale and hearty man, beloved by all with whom he has come in contact.

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ROY B. ROBERTS, M. D.

Dr. Roy B. Roberts, who is enjoying very gratifying success in the practice of

medicine for one of his years, having already attained a reputation which many an older practitioner might well envy, was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin, September 17, 1875. His father, Dr. Charles B. Roberts, was born on a farm in Ohio in 1848, and is a graduate of the Ensworth Medical College of Missouri. He was a minister of the Baptist church prior to the time that he took up the profession of medicine, preaching in Illinois and Missouri with great success. He now makes his home in McLean county, Illinois, and is practically retired. He married Miss Sarah Ellen Bulkley, who was born in Upper Alton, Illinois, in 1854, and like him, she is a devoted member of the Baptist church. In their family were seven children: Hazelteen Ruth, the wife of Harry Tilburg, of Towanda, Illinois; Roy B.; Luther, deceased; Alice M., the wife of Arthur L. Rainalter, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Francis N., who lives in the Alberta district of Canada; Lathrop E. and Horace B., also of Canada.

Dr. Roberts of this review, having acquired a good preliminary education resolved to make the practice of medicine his life work and is a graduate of the Ensworth Medical College of Missouri, and of the Rush Medical College, of Chicago. He first practiced in Brooklyn, Illinois, where he remained for two years, and in August, 1901, located in Augusta, where he has met with excellent success, having a large practice in both the town and county. He keeps in touch with the progress of the medical fraternity and is continually broadening his knowledge and efficiency by reading and investigation. He has demonstrated his ability to

successfully solve intricate problems connected with the restoration of health, and he has the regard of his professional brethren by reason of his conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

Dr. Roberts was married in 1902 to Miss Bertha A. DeGroot, who was born in Augusta, January 7, 1876, and is a daughter of John E. and Mary Josephine (Davis) DeGroot, residents of this state. Her father is a native of Quincy, and is a retired farmer now sixty-three years of age, while her mother has reached the age of fifty-five years. In their family are four children, and the circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death. These are: Maude, the wife of Arthur J. Laughlin, of Macomb, Illinois; Mrs. Roberts; Eugene, a practicing physician living at Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Mabel, the wife of Frank Deiley, of Berwyn, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. DeGroot are members of the Methodist church. For many years he was a dentist, engaged actively in practice for a long period. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts now have two children: Brockway DeGroot, born in Augusta, April 6, 1903; and Elsie Monica, born January 26, 1906.

Dr. Roberts votes with the Republican party but is not active in its ranks. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church. They are prominent socially in Augusta and their own home is justly celebrated for its gracious and attractive hospitality. professionally and fraternally Dr. Roberts is popular and has made an excellent record as a medical practitioner for one of his years.

## SAMUEL H. ATHEY.

Samuel H. Athey, deceased, who was engaged in carriage making in Hamilton, was born in Washington county, Ohio, May 16, 1831, a son of Walter and Clara (Goldsmith) Athey, who were natives of Maryland. In that state they were married, after which they crossed the mountains to Ohio on horseback, spending their remaining days in the Buckeye state.

Samuel H. Athey was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the public schools in Washington county. He lived with his parents until the 23d of November, 1852, and was then married to Miss Sarah M. Campbell, who was born near Marietta, Wood county, West Virginia, a daughter of Robert and Letitia (Wright) Campbell, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Huntington county, Pennsylvania. Their marriage was celebrated in the Keystone state and they afterward removed to Virginia, where Mr. Campbell purchased four hundred acres of land. He was a shoemaker by trade, but in the Old Dominion gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he resided for a time in Erie county, Pennsylvania, but afterward returned to Virginia, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were five sons and six daughters.

After his marriage Samuel H. Athey and his bride began their domestic life in his father's old home, where they lived until 1855, when they removed to the vicinity of Keokuk, settling upon a rented farm. There Mr. Athey carried on general agricultural pursuits and taught school for a year. He afterward went to

St. Francisville, Missouri, where he resided until 1864, when he came to Hamilton and purchased fifteen acres of land in the northern part of the city. Here he was first employed at carpentering, but later turned his attention to carriage building and was thus engaged during the latter part of his life.

In the same year of his removal to Hamilton, Mr. Athey enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company C of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry in the spring of 1864. He served until the end of the war but was fifteen months in the hospital at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and was discharged at Springfield, Illinois, after the close of hostilities.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Athey were born three daughters and three sons: Clara, the wife of William Morgan Oakley, of Quincy, Illinois; Addie, at home; Mary, who became the wife of John Finley Malcolm, and died at Libertyville, Illinois, in 1895; Robert, of Hamilton; and Eugene, who is a painter and paper hanger of Hamilton. The husband and father died March 24, 1893, when about sixty-two years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his political views were in accord with republican principles. He served as constable in Lee county, Iowa, but was never an office seeker, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He led a busy, active and useful life and all that he possessed was obtained through his own persistent efforts. In citizenship he ever manifested the same loyalty which he displayed when upon southern battlefields.

## MRS. JANE L. HAWLEY.

Mrs. Jane L. Hawley, living in Hamilton, was born in Hector, New York, in May, 1831, a daughter of Jeremiah and Martella (Kelly) Robinson, both of whom were natives of New York. Removing westward, the parents settled in the vicinity of Connorsville, Indiana, in 1837, taking up their abode upon a farm there. The mother's death occurred in 1838 and the father passed away in 1856. Mrs. Hawley spent her girlhood days under the parental roof, acquired a public school education and was carefully trained in the duties of the household, so that she was well qualified to take care of a home of her own at the time of her marriage. She left Indiana in 1843 and went to McLean county, Illinois, where she lived with a sister, Mrs. Harriet Trowbridge, until seventeen years of age. She afterward returned to Indiana and was there married in October, 1849, to Joseph Laramore, who was born in 1810 and was a son of Daniel and Mary Brooks. Her husband was conducting a hotel in the village of Eagle, Boone county, Indiana, and in 1856 came to Adams county, settling at West Point, where he purchased a farm and resided until 1862, when he sold that property and bought a farm in Wythe township, Hancock county. He was engaged in its cultivation and development until 1875, when he sold the property and bought a large brick house with a store front on Main street in Hamilton. Here Mr. Laramore died in August, 1877, leaving one daughter, Celesta, who was born in January, 1852, and became the wife of Trever

Slattery. She died in 1881, leaving two daughters, of whom one is yet living, Iva, now the wife of Edward McQuarry, of West Point, Illinois. By a former marriage Joseph Laramore had two sons: Thomas, who died at the age of forty years; and James, a practicing physician residing in Greenfield, Indiana. Having lost her first husband, Mrs. Laramore was again married in August, 1881, becoming the wife of George A. Hawley, who was born in the state of New York in 1820. He was an attorney at law, who practiced in Iowa for many years. He had been married before and had one son who died in infancy. Mr. Hawley passed away March 31, 1902, since which time his widow has been living alone in Hamilton. She is well known here as a lady of many excellent traits of character that have gained for her a wide circle of friends.

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 J. L. ESSLEY.

J. L. Essley, of Dallas City, was born in Washington, Iowa, on the 9th of December, 1880, and is a son of Mark and Emma Essley, who are residing upon a farm near Washington. They have four children: Estella, the wife of Lester Rank, a resident of Oklahoma; J. L., of this review; Oliver and Esther, both at home.

J. L. Essley was educated in the University at Iowa City, completing a business course there by graduation. He was afterward employed in a grocery store for

two years at Washington, Iowa, in the capacity of bookkeeper and clerk. On the 11th of December, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Moss, who was born in West Virginia, in 1881, and is a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Rhea) Moss, both of whom were natives of West Virginia, and in 1891 became residents of Hancock county, Illinois, settling upon a farm in Dallas township, where they are now living. In their family were four children, all born in West Virginia: Eva, at home; Iva, the wife of Lloyd Moss, living in Arrowsmith, Illinois; and Mrs. Essley of this review. The last named was educated in the public schools of Dallas City and in her girlhood days learned the milliner's trade. In 1901 she embarked in the millinery business in Dallas City, and in the spring and fall of 1904 employed a manager to conduct her place in this city, while she managed a branch store in Lone Tree, Iowa. She has the largest patronage of any millinery establishment in this city and draws her trade from the surrounding country as well. Her place of business is pleasantly and conveniently located on Oak street and she keeps an excellent line of goods, employing a trimmer from Quincy during the busy seasons. Her store is indeed modern and up-to-date in every particular and is tastefully arranged and conveniently equipped. She well merits the liberal patronage which is accorded her, her business being one of the leading commercial enterprises of the city. She suffered losses in the disastrous fire which swept over the city on the 17th of December, 1905, but she at once resumed business as a milliner and has a good tradé.

Mr. Essley was connected with a button factory of Dallas City for three years and is now with a well drilling company. He votes with the Republican party and his wife is a member of the Methodist church, in which she acted as organist for eight or nine years. Mr. Essley purchased a pleasant home on West Third street and this worthy couple has a son, Jesse, who was born in Dallas City, November 9, 1901. Both Mr. and Mrs. Essley stand well in the community where they make their home and have the warm regard of many friends.

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#### JOHN REID WILLIAMS.

John Reid Williams, a resident of Warsaw, has for many years been one of the leading factors in business life in this city. He was a captain on the Mississippi river in the old picturesque days of steamboat travel upon the father of waters and following his retirement in 1887 he has made extensive and judicious investments in property, becoming one of the large landowners of this part of the state. He is now spending his days in well-earned ease, having through well conducted business affairs become possessor of a very gratifying competence.

Mr. Williams was born in Madison county, Kentucky, March 28, 1816, a son of Levi and Mary (Reid) Williams. In the year 1831, the parents removed with their family to Hancock, settling three

miles below Warsaw on the bluff road, while later they took up their abode on the prairie six miles southeast of the city, Levi Williams there entering one hundred and thirteen acres of land, which was at that time wild and unimproved, but which he transformed into a valuable and productive farm. He was a ranger up and down the river during the Black Hawk war and was connected with many interesting events of early history which have shaped the policy and promoted the progress of this portion of the state. He lived upon the old homestead farm until his death, which occurred November 27, 1860, when he was sixty-six years of age and his wife survived until the 2d of December, 1872. In their family were nine children, of whom three are now living: Rice C., who resides at Peoria; Henry, who is living on the old homestead; and John Reid, of this review. Those who have passed away are William, Thomas, Jane, Theresa M., Elizabeth and two who died in infancy.

John Reid Williams pursued his education in the old-time subscription schools and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He devoted the winter months to the mastery of the branches of learning taught in the early educational institutions of those days, while the remainder of the year was given to farm work from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. During the years of his early manhood his attention was given to farming and he afterward began boating on the Mississippi river, eventually becoming a captain of one of the old-time crafts. Before the era of railroad travel the river was

the great highway between the north and the south and with its tributaries formed the source of communication for all points of the middle west and the gulf ports. It is within the memory of many men, when the river crafts were "floating palaces" and a trip down the Mississippi was a most enjoyable occasion, for as the boat proceeded slowly down the stream there was ample time for the forming of new acquaintances, many of which ripened into warm friendships. There was laughter and music aboard and the dance was often a feature of the evening entertainment. As the boat put up at different landings to take on or discharge its cargo the negroes would perform the task of loading and unloading, keeping time to a rhythmic chant or song. The Mississippi formed not only the highway for passenger travel but also for all traffic. The products of many great states that lie in the Mississippi basin were shipped by boat down the father of waters and this method of transportation proved a profitable business. As before stated, Mr. Williams became captain of a Mississippi river steamer and for some time his run was from St. Louis to Keokuk. He later purchased an interest in the Eagle Packet Company, holding office of president of this company while he was interested, in which he remained a stockholder until 1887, when he disposed of his holdings and retired to private life, since which time he has given his attention merely to the supervision of his private business affairs. As his financial resources had increased he had made judicious investments in property and is now the owner of about seven hundred acres of farming



land in Hancock county. He also owns considerable valuable city property and the old homestead, which was once the property of his father. At one time he owned nine hundred and fifty acres of farming land, but later disposed of two hundred and fifty acres.

Aside from his experiences on the river in what forms one of the most attractive and picturesque periods in the history of the middle west Captain Williams has had other interesting experiences and adventures. In 1852 he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast and had the usual life of the western miner with its hardships and dangers during the several months which he spent in California ere returning to Illinois. He was also in the Mormon war which occurred in the '40s and took an active interest in affairs of that time. The Mormons, coming from the east, endeavored to establish a colony in Hancock county, but their practices of polygamy were so abhorrent to the citizens of this part of the state that they rose against the sect and drove them from the state. Captain Williams was in the suburbs of the city of Carthage when Joseph Smith and his brother Hiram, Mormon prophets and leaders, were shot. While acting as deputy sheriff he slept many nights in the room where Joseph Smith lost his life.

In 1849 occurred the marriage of Captain Williams and Miss Angeline McMahan, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Crawford) McMahan. Nine children were born of this union: Mary, who is now the wife of Dr. J. Eaton Johnston, of Warsaw, Illinois; Flora, who married Thomas F. Howard and is living with

her father; Thomas, who resides on a farm in Wise township; and six children who died in early youth. The wife and mother passed away March 28, 1901, at the age of seventy-two years. She was a native of Kentucky and came to Illinois with her parents the year following the arrival of the Williams family, the McMahan family settling upon an adjoining farm, and it was upon that farm that Captain and Mrs. Williams were married.

In his political views Captain Williams was in early life a whig and cast his first presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison. Upon the dissolution of the party he joined the ranks of the new Republican party, of which he has since been a staunch advocate. He was elected coroner, at one time served as deputy sheriff and was also constable for a number of years, discharging the varied duties which devolved upon him with promptness and fidelity. He is a member of the Christian church and is one of the most esteemed and honored citizens of Warsaw. He is a venerable man of ninety years and his life has been one of activity crowned with success. He lived in this county during early pioneer times when many of the homes were log cabins and these were widely scattered, there being long distances between the farms. The farm machinery was primitive and the household utensils were equally so. Candles were in use for lighting and cooking was largely done over the fireplace, while the sickle and scythe were seen in the harvest fields and the sheaves were bound by hand. Great changes have occurred in all lines of business life within the memory of Captain Williams. As an honored

pioneer settler he well deserves mention in this volume, for few have been longer connected with Hancock county, its development and progress.

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#### O. F. WEISENBORN.

Otto F. Weisenborn, viewing life from the standpoint of a practical, enterprising man, has won a position in business circles that has gained for him simultaneously a good name and creditable success. He is today the senior partner in the firm of Weisenborn & Company, of Carthage, dealers in farm lands in Hancock county, in residence property in Carthage, and also in lands in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and Texas. He was born at Lentner, Missouri, in 1870, his parents being Conrad and Rebecca (Altdater) Weisenborn. The father, a native of Germany, born in 1832, was twenty years of age when he came to America with his parents, settling near Quincy, Illinois, at a place called Mill Creek. He is a farmer by occupation and now makes his home with his children, being at present in Macon, Missouri. His early political allegiance was given to the democracy, but he now votes with the Republican party. For a number of years he was a member of the police force of Quincy. He holds membership in the German Lutheran church, to which his wife also belonged. She passed away in 1882, her remains being interred in South Union cemetery near Zion church in the vicinity of Clar-

ence, Missouri, at which time Otto F. Weisenborn was but fourteen years of age. In the family were six children, of whom four are now living, as follows: George, who is a manufacturer at Indianapolis, Ind.; Henry C., an expert mechanic of Macon, Missouri; Theodore A., a traveling salesman of Peoria, Illinois; and Otto F., of this review.

A graduate of the high school of Clar-ence, Missouri, Otto F. Weisenborn thus completed his education, after which he engaged in the operation of rented farms, for several years in Missouri. Subsequently he spent a few years as a commercial traveler and in 1900 as the result of study, investigation and experiment, he invented a patent wire stretcher, upon which he secured a United States patent in April, 1905. He then began the manufacture of this device, which he sold in all states of the Union. He disposed of a half interest in the business to L. A. Shipton, of Carthage, and later Becher Jackson, of Adrian, Illinois, became interested with him in the business. He is still engaged in the manufacture of his invention at Detroit, Michigan, and has other patents pending. This wire stretcher is considered the best on the market and took first premium at the St. Louis exposition in 1900. Mr. Weisenborn possesses considerable mechanical ingenuity and original ideas and has brought forth several useful devices. After selling a half interest in his patent he entered into general merchandising in Carthage, but after a year sold out and lived retired for a few years. He is now, however, engaged in the real estate business with offices in the Mc-Mahon block on Main and Adams streets



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in Carthage. He is associated with Charles H. Garnett under the firm style of Weisenborn & Company and is one of the leading land dealers of this part of the state, making a specialty of Hancock county farm lands. He also handles residence property in Carthage and is agent for the Pecos valley lands in New Mexico and also for property in Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa and Texas. He has charge of Santa Fe excursions to the southwest and has made extensive sales of property not only in this county but in adjoining states and in Texas and Oklahoma. He is largely conversant with property values and has thus engaged many important realty transfers.

On the 26th of February, 1902, Mr. Weisenborn was married to Miss Alice M. White at her home near Bentley, Illinois. She was born in McDonough county, Illinois, in 1871, a daughter of James and Amelia (Boyd) White. Her parents were natives of Ohio and the father, a farmer by occupation, lived upon a farm in this state for over thirty years. In his political views he was a strong democrat. He died August 10, 1905, while his widow now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Botts. In their family were seven children, of whom six are now living: Morris, who resides in St. Marys, Illinois; Laura, the wife of Robert Botts, living in Carthage; Martha, the wife of Tom Stevens, of Dallas City, Illinois; Jane, the wife of William Ewing, of Dighton, Kansas; Katherine, the wife of George Crump, of St. Marys, Illinois; and Mrs. Weisenborn. The last named was a graduate of the Carthage high school and attended Carthage College.

She gained a teacher's certificate but never followed that profession. She was, however, a successful stenographer for four years in the law office of Miller & Williams at Carthage. She was reared in the faith of the Christian church but after her marriage joined the Presbyterian church with her husband. She took a deep, active and helpful interest in church work and prior to her marriage was a teacher in the Sunday-school. In 1904 she became ill with typhoid fever and on the 4th of July of that year passed away, her remains being interred in Moss Ridge cemetery. Her death was deeply regretted by many friends, for by her excellent traits of heart and mind she had endeared herself to all who knew her.

Mr. Weisenborn is a republican but without aspiration for office and he belongs to the Presbyterian church. When he became a factor in business life his capital consisted of not more than seventy-five or eighty cents, but honest labor, ambition and energy have enabled him to overcome all the difficulties and obstacles in his path. In fact, these have seemed to serve as a stimulus for renewed effort and concentration and he is today in possession of a comfortable competence. He has a fine automobile which he uses in his business and he owns a beautiful home on North Main street. Whatever he undertakes receives his entire attention and his strong purpose, capable methods and energy constitute the secret of a well deserved and gratifying success. He is the kind of man that gives strength and high standing to any community, and because of his sterling qualities is held in great esteem.

## GEORGE W. KINKADE.

George W. Kinkade has at different times been closely associated with mercantile, industrial and agricultural interests in Hancock county but is now living retired in Hamilton. He was born in Adams county, Illinois, September 21, 1847, and attended the district schools of both Adams and Hancock counties, while spending his boyhood days under the parental roof. He is a son of Lorenzo D. and Harriett (Stewart) Kinkade, the former born in Hardin county, Kentucky, near Elizabeth, and the latter near Evansville, Indiana. George W. Kinkade, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born near Lynchburg, Virginia, while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinkade, settled in the Old Dominion at a very early day and later went to Kentucky. They had been married in Ireland prior to their emigration to the new world. There were two brothers who came together from the Emerald Isle to the United States, one of these being James Kinkade, who died in Kentucky.

Accompanying his parents on their removal from Virginia to Kentucky, George W. Kinkade, grandfather of our subject, was married in Hardin county to Miss Sarah Trainer, also a native of Virginia. Leaving Kentucky, he settled upon a farm in Clay county, Illinois, casting in his lot with its pioneer residents, and eventually he removed from Clay county to Pike county, Illinois, in 1844. A year later he took up his abode in Adams county and two years afterward settled at Warsaw, Hancock county. In 1853 he went

to Calhoun county, where he died in December, 1854. His wife had passed away during their residence in Clay county, Illinois.

Lorenzo D. Kinkade, father of our subject, was the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters. He accompanied his parents on their removal from Kentucky to Illinois and having arrived at years of maturity was married in Richland county, this state, to Miss Harriet Stewart, a daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Bullard) Stewart, both of whom were natives of South Carolina. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo D. Kinkade removed to Pike county, Illinois, where he operated a rented farm for a year and in 1846 he removed to the northeastern part of Adams county, where he engaged in farming until 1852. In that year he came to Hancock county, settling in Wythe township, where he farmed through one summer and later he removed to Clarksville, Adair county, Missouri. There he purchased eighty acres of farm land which was all wild prairie, but with characteristic energy he began its cultivation and development and improved the place, living thereon for three years, when he sold out and returned to Hancock county, Illinois. This time he settled near West Point and bought forty acres of unimproved land, where he transformed into a richly cultivated tract, making his home thereon until 1871, when he sold the place to his son, George W. He then took up his abode in Keene township, Adams county, where he rented land and made his home until his death, which occurred January 16, 1876. His widow

still survives him and makes her home among her children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living in this vicinity. She is a member of the Christian church, to which Mr. Kinkade also belonged.

George W. Kinkade was the second in order of birth in a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters. He was reared to farm life, was educated in the public schools and lived with his parents until twenty years of age. In the meantime, in February, 1865, when only seventeen years of age, he enlisted in defense of his country, becoming a member of Company B, Thirty-fourth Illinois Infantry. He joined the Second Brigade of the Second Division of the Fourteenth Army Corps at Quincy, Illinois, and was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, first doing duty at Camp Butler and later at Wilmington, North Carolina, where he was taken ill with smallpox. He was then sent to the hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged June 9, 1865. Mr. Kinkade returned to his father's home, where he remained until twenty years of age, after which he worked on a farm in Hancock county for two years. He then purchased forty acres of land from his father and operated that place until 1879, when he sold out and removed to Breckenridge, where he purchased a drug store, which he conducted for five years. He then disposed of his store and turned his attention to the operation of a saw mill and the timber business, in which he was associated with his two brothers, J. A. and H. B. Kinkade. In 1898 he and his brother, H. B., sold their interest to J. A. Kinkade and the

subject of this review then rented a farm near Bentley, where, with his brother, H. B. Kinkade, carried on general agricultural pursuits for three years. The latter then removed to Hamilton, after which George W. Kinkade continued farming until 1904, when he let his son-in-law, R. G. Crume, have the place. Mr. Kinkade then came to Hamilton and purchased the Houston property, since which time he has made his home in this city.

On the 26th of June, 1869, Mr. Kinkade was married to Miss Nancy A. Lockwood, who was born in Aurora, Indiana, in February, 1852, a daughter of Dr. I. F. Lockwood, whose birth occurred near Rochester, New York, while her mother, Annie M. (Riggin) Lockwood, was a native of Aurora, Indiana. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kinkade were born three children: Orlena E., who was born September 20, 1870, and is the wife of J. W. Dunsworth, a farmer near Bentley, Illinois; Harry L., who was born October 17, 1876, and died in March, 1878; Cordelia I., who was born September 15, 1879, and is the wife of Ralph G. Crume, a resident farmer of Hancock county. The wife and mother died July 23, 1881, and her remains were interred in the cemetery in Walker township. Mr. Kinkade now makes his home in Hamilton, where he is pleasantly situated. His life has been one of activity and he has been thorough in all that he has undertaken, believing that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well. His diligence and business capacity have enabled him to steadily advance and he is now enjoying a well-merited rest, surrounded by many comforts of life.

## DON C. S. MILLIKIN.

Don C. S. Millikin a resident farmer of Montebello township, was born in Saco, Yorkshire county, North Carolina, October 13, 1843. His parents were Arthur and Lucy (Smith) Millikin, the latter a native of Vermont, while the former was born in the same building in which the birth of his son Don occurred. The maternal grandparents were Joseph and Lucy (Mack) Smith, natives of the Green Mountain state, and it was their son, Joseph Smith, who became the distinguished leader of the church of the Latter Day Saints, and was killed together with his brother Hiram at Carthage, Illinois, in the war against the Mormons in 1844. Arthur Millikin joined the Mormon church and at the age of fourteen years left home, going to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and on to Missouri. He was married, however, at Nauvoo, Illinois, to Miss Lucy Smith and they were visiting in Maine at the time of the birth of their son Don. They made their home in Nauvoo, being residents there at the time that the Mormon temple was burned. Subsequently they removed to Fountain Green, where they lived for some time, and later they took up their abode in Colchester, Illinois, where the father owned coal lands. There both he and his wife passed away.

Don C. S. Millikin is the eldest of nine children, four sons and five daughters, who attended the common schools of Fountain Green until the removal of the family to Colchester, McDonough county, Illinois, whence he continued his education there. He remained under the pa-

rental roof until February, 1865, when, in response to the country's call for aid he enlisted as a member of Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and he did duty in Georgia and other places in the south until honorably discharged after the close of the war. He returned to Colchester, where he worked in the coal mines until 1873, when he came to Montebello township, Hancock county. He lived upon a rented farm for three years and then with the capital which he had acquired through his economy and industry he made purchase of eighty acres of land on section 11, Montebello township. This was in 1876 and he has since made his home thereon, carrying on general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Millikin has been married three times. He first wedded Sophia Gridley, a native of Montebello township, and a daughter of Timothy and Roxanna (Esterbrook) Gridley. By this union there were four children: Clara A., the wife of Caleb Smith, of McLean, Texas; Arthur, who died at the age of fifteen months; George, who died in infancy; and Mary F., the wife of John Pitts, of Keokuk. The wife and mother passed away April 17, 1881, and Mr. Millikin afterward wedded Mary Elvie Durfee, who was born at Good Hope, McDonough county, Illinois, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (McGee) Durfee. The second marriage was celebrated in 1886, and in 1899 Mrs. Millikin passed away. In September, 1900, Mr. Millikin was married to Miss Emma Smith, a native of Rock Creek township, but a resident of



Montebello township, this county, and a daughter of James H. and Nancy (Somers) Smith, the former a native of Hancock county and the latter of Adams county, Illinois.

In his political views Mr. Millikin is a stalwart republican and is now serving as justice of the peace for the third term, while since 1886 he has been postmaster at Millikin postoffice. He belongs to the church of the Latter Day Saints and fraternally is connected with Montebello lodge, No. 697, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Hamilton, and the Rebekah lodge there, and also with Russell post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Hamilton. He is now accounted one of the enterprising and leading agriculturists and citizens of Montebello township and is a representative of one of the most historic and prominent families of Hancock county.

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### JOHN McCRORY.

John McCrory, now living retired upon a farm in Montebello township, has devoted the greater part of his life to the plastering trade, but since 1905 has relegated all active labor to others and is now enjoying a well-earned rest. For eighty-four years he has traveled life's journey, his birth having occurred in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1822. On the paternal side he is of Scotch-Irish descent. His parents were Samuel and Hannah (Martin) McCrory,

the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Ohio. James McCrory, the grandfather on the paternal side, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war for seven years, valiantly aiding in the struggle for independence. Following the cessation of hostilities he always lived in Washington county, Pennsylvania, until called to his final rest. His son, Samuel McCrory, was born in South Carolina, but in early life accompanied his parents on their removal to Washington county, Pennsylvania. There he was married to Miss Hannah Martin, a native of Ohio and of English descent. Following their marriage the young couple established their home in Washington county, where they resided continuously until 1851, when they made their way westward by boat down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Quincy, Illinois. There they spent their remaining days with one of their children, passing away in Adams county.

In his youth John McCrory of this review learned the plasterer's trade and conducted a large business in Pennsylvania. His education was obtained in the subscription schools and when his text-books were put aside he concentrated his energies entirely upon his business affairs. In the year 1847, attracted by the opportunities of the new and growing west, he started by steamer down the Ohio and up the Mississippi rivers to Quincy. While on the boat he became ill with measles and almost died. He was very weak when he arrived in Quincy, but after about three weeks he was able to resume work at his trade. He continued to engage in plastering for a year and then

went to Wheeling, Virginia, traveling in that vicinity for about three years. In 1851 he located in Hancock county and bought land near Elvaston. This he continued to cultivate and improve for a time, but eventually he sold out and invested in one hundred and sixty acres, constituting the northeast quarter of section 3, also ten acres of timber in Sonora township. He resided in Hamilton in 1857 and in 1858 he was elected as one of the first alderman but would not qualify for that position. When he bought a farm on section 3 it was all wild prairie land, on which no improvements had been made. There he began the cultivation of the fields, turning the first furrows on many an acre. He built the first house on this place in 1854, planted hedge fences and erected all of the buildings. He now lives to enjoy his declining years upon this farm amid the comforts and luxuries which go to make life worth living. He has always followed the plasterer's trade as the years have gone by, renting his farm to others and thus he was closely associated with business affairs until 1905.

On the 1st of January, 1851, Mr. McCrory was married to Miss Joanna Pease, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came to Illinois with Mr. McCrory. A year later she died, leaving a young child, who was reared by our subject and to whom he gave the name of Joanna P. She married Emile Colino and had a son, John, who lived with his grandfather, John McCrory, until his death, which occurred when he was nineteen years of age. His mother died when he was two years of age.

On the 27th of February, 1855, Mr. McCrory was again married, his second union being with Miss Emeline Carson, a native of Blount county, Tennessee, and a daughter of Alexander and Jane (Weir) Carson, who were likewise natives of Tennessee. The children of Mr. and Mrs. McCrory are: Alexander, now living in Montebello township; Alfonso, who is upon the home place; James, living in Sonora township; Helen, the wife of Oscar Duncan, of Columbus Junction, Iowa; John H., who died at the age of eighteen years; Edith, the wife of Jacob Smith, whose home is in Sonora township; and Lottie, at home.

Mr. McCrory has long since passed the psalmist's span of three score years and ten and at an advanced age is now living retired, but for many years was an active factor in industrial life, gaining through his persistency of purpose and his diligence the competence which now enables him to live retired. He is a member of the Christian church and his political views accord with democratic principles. He is today one of the most venerable citizens of the county and a life of activity and integrity well entitle him to representation in this volume.

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#### JOHN W. MARSH, D. M. D.

One of the leaders among the young professional men of Warsaw is Dr. John W. Marsh, engaged actively and success-

fully in the practice of dentistry. He was born in this city July 23, 1872, a son of Judge John W. Marsh. His education was acquired in the public schools of this city and in St. John's Military Academy at Delafield, Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890. He then entered upon preparation for a professional career by matriculation in the dental department of Washington University, at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1892, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1895, on which occasion the degree of D. M. D. was conferred upon him. He was then connected with the college for one year as an instructor and this gave him marked advantage as a training for his later practical experience in the profession. In the spring of 1896 he opened an office in Warsaw and is now splendidly established in his chosen field of labor, being numbered among the leading dentists of the county. He has elegantly equipped offices in the Winnard Building, supplied with all of the modern appliances that facilitate the work and promote the efficiency of the dentist. He is thoroughly conversant with the most modern methods of practice and has kept in touch with the trend of thought and progress made by the dental fraternity. He belongs to Adams and Hancock Counties Dental Society, and is president of the First District Dental Society, and is recognized as one of the able representatives of the profession, the consensus of public opinion being indicated by the large patronage extended to him.

On the 12th of June, 1902, Dr. Marsh was married to Miss Lucy Scholl Cherrill, of Carthage, a daughter of Edward

and Susan A. (Sholl) Cherrill, well known residents of Carthage. Dr. and Mrs. Marsh have two children, John Cherrill and Susan Sholl. The parents are members of the Protestant Episcopal church, of which Dr. Marsh is now senior warden. He has also been a member of the library board of Warsaw for nine years, and during this time has acted as secretary. A life-long republican he has kept well informed on the questions of the day and has represented his ward in the city council but has never been an aspirant for office. He belongs to Warsaw lodge, No. 257, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and is its present worshipful master, and on a number of occasions he has attended the sessions of the grand lodge. The fact that he has been continuously chosen to official preferment in the various organizations with which he is connected indicates his standing in the regard of those with whom he is associated and his professional and social prominence are both widely recognized in the city where his entire life has been passed.

Since the above was written Dr. Marsh has moved to Keokuk, Iowa, where he is secretary of the dental department of the Keokuk Medical Department.

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J. E. DICKSON.

J. E. Dickson, of Durham township, bears an enviable reputation in the community in which he lives, his name stand-

ing for unquestionable honesty, integrity, and firmness of purpose. He is the son of Daniel and Mary (Shutwell) Dickson, his birth occurring in Durham township, Hancock county, December 28, 1855. His father was born in East Tennessee, May 18, 1817, and the mother in England.

Daniel Dickson was the son of Hugh and Margaret (Leib) Dickson, both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Hancock county in 1843, settling in La Harpe township, where Mr. Dickson carried on the industry of farming for many years. He served in the Black Hawk war and he and his wife died at the advanced ages of seventy-four and seventy-five years respectively. The Dickson family is of Irish extraction, and was probably founded in the United States in the early colonial period. Daniel Dickson, the father of our sketch, came to Hancock county in 1838 where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in La Harpe township, which he farmed for some time, later selling it and buying a quarter section in Durham township. He kept adding to this as he could until he owned one thousand acres of fine farming land. He was always a successful farmer, which vocation he followed until 1883, when he sold part of his land and purchased a handsome residence on Third street in Dallas City, which is now a hotel known as "Park House," and also bought the entire block of land on which that hostelry now stands. He was united in marriage to Miss May Shutwell, of Morgan county, Illinois, in 1837. To this union were born nine children, four of whom are now living: H. S. lives in Waco, Texas; J. E., our subject; D. D.,

now living in Fair Oaks, California; and Fred J., of Dallas City. The mother died in 1867, and later the father married Miss Lucinda Adams, who still resides in Dallas City. Daniel Dickson was one of the first prairie settlers in Hancock county and during his life he saw the wild lands transformed into beautiful farms and homes, and its hamlets develop into thriving cities, and progress and civilization carried on so rapidly that the county at his death on February 17, 1895, bore little resemblance to the county of fifty years before. He was an enterprising man, entirely self-made, and at the time of his death was a very wealthy man, his possessions being monuments of his thrift and energy.

J. E. Dickson received his early education in the district school. On October 19, 1880, Mr. Dickson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Bellew, from near Adrian, Illinois. Her birth occurred on April 11, 1862, and she was the daughter of Jadhah and Nancy (Grant) Bellew, both parents were born near Camp Point, Illinois, coming to Hancock county at an early day, where the father was a prosperous farmer. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living: Alice, wife of W. A. Davis, of Des Moines, Iowa; Cora, wife of Everett Turney, of Chapman, Nebraska; and Elmer, living in Des Moines, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dickson were born ten children, eight of whom are now living: Rolla, born September 3, 1881, married Forrest Kimmler, of Durham township; Vinnie A., born March 17, 1884, and keeps house for her father; Lloyd, born January 26, 1886, at home;

Harry, born September 19, 1887; Clarence, born March 17, 1889; Ruby, born November 16, 1890, died April 4, 1893; Ernest, born September 26, 1892; Ruth, born November 11, 1894; and Mildred and Merlyn, twins, born April 11, 1900, Mildred dying October 3, 1900. On the 15th of April, 1900, the unrelenting hand of death for the second time entered the home of Mr. Dickson and claimed the faithful wife and mother. This was a great blow to the husband and children as well as to her many friends and neighbors. Mrs. Dickson was a model mother, a kind and loving wife and a gentle woman well beloved by all who knew her. Her earthly remains were sorrowfully laid to rest in the La Harpe cemetery to await the call of the last day. She was a devoted member of the Christian church. After his marriage Mr. Dickson bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 10, Durham township, upon which he has built a good house, and has added to his possessions until he now has two hundred and forty acres on section 10 and sixty acres of good land in Texas. Besides general farming, at which he has been very successful, Mr. Dickson carries on stock-raising quite extensively and handles grain. He is a man that is interested in local affairs of his county and township, doing everything in his power to advance the cause of education and the well-being of the community at large. The confidence which his contemporaries place in his ability and judgment is evidenced by the position of trust and responsibility which they bestow upon him. He is an ardent member of the Democratic party,

taking quite an active interest in the welfare of that party, especially in this county. He has served as assessor, collector, and justice of the peace, being elected on the democratic ticket to these offices and rendered upright, conscientious and highly satisfactory service in these capacities. He has repeatedly served as school director in his district, and fraternally is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America.

He believes in giving his children advantage of such facilities as the time affords, his oldest son being educated in the Carthage College, in the La Harpe Academy, and in the school at Urbana, Illinois. His daughter also attends the La Harpe seminary. Mr. Dickson is considered one of the foremost men in Durham township, has a very quiet and kind disposition and yet is firm, exceedingly energetic, and above all truly honest, and the kind of man that gives strength and high standing to any community.

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#### EDWIN BROWN.

Edwin Brown, occupying a farm in Appanoose township, where he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, his natal day being October 8, 1850, a son of David and Martha (Rudisill) Brown. His mother was born in Ohio but it was in Iowa on the 8th of January, 1846, that she gave her hand in marriage to David Brown. Here the father carried on gen-

eral agricultural pursuits until 1850, when he removed to Dallas, Illinois, where his death occurred February 23, 1856. The mother still survives and makes her home in Niota. She has now reached an advanced age and is a sufferer from paralysis.

Edwin Brown is the younger of two children born unto his parents, his sister being Helen, who was born June 21, 1848, and is now the wife of George Skyles, and resides in the western part of Nebraska. Mr. Brown attended the common schools of Iowa in his youth, and during the periods of vacation and in the summer months aided his father in the work of the home farm, receiving practical training which later enabled him to carry on work of this character on his own account. He is now operating one hundred and twenty acres situated in Appanoose township, of which fifty acres is pasture land, while the balance is devoted to the raising of grain. In addition to his farming pursuits he raises stock to quite an extent, and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of revenue.

Mr. Brown chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Florence Doolittle, to whom he was married November 3, 1880. She is a native of Appanoose township, and is a daughter of Amzi and Sarah M. (Welch) Doolittle, natives of New York and Tennessee respectively. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born two sons: Frank, born June 8, 1883, and John, born October 11, 1888, both with their parents. Mr. Brown gives his political support to the Democratic party and has served as school

director of his township. He has ever been diligent and persevering in all that he has undertaken and through industry and economy is working his way upward, being classed among the progressive agriculturists of Hancock county.

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#### BENJAMIN F. THATCHER.

Benjamin F. Thatcher, representing the agricultural interests of Hancock county, was born January 7, 1861, in Adams county, Ohio. His father, likewise a native of the Buckeye state, was a blacksmith by trade and served as a valiant soldier during the Civil war, enlisting as a member of the Seventieth Ohio Regiment. He died in a southern hospital during his service at the front. The mother bore the maiden name of Rowanna Palmer, and was also born in Adams county, of the Buckeye state. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom our subject is the sixth in order of birth.

Benjamin F. Thatcher acquired his education in the common schools of his native state and spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. For a time after leaving home he lived with a family by the name of Shaffer in Darke county, Ohio, and on attaining his majority, in company with George W. Holmes, he went to Kearney, Nebraska, where he was employed in various ways for six years, a part of that time being

spent on a ranch there. It was during his residence in the west that he was married, July 13, 1885, to Miss Ella Nelson, who was born in Hancock county, but was then making her home in Buffalo county, Nebraska. She is a daughter of Elisha and Elizabeth (Wade) Nelson, both natives of Illinois, while her paternal grandfather, George C. Nelson, and the maternal grandparents, Greenberry and Margaret (Scott) Wade, were born in Kentucky.

Following his marriage Mr. Thatcher remained for several years in the west but in 1892 returned with his family to Hancock county, the journey being made with team and wagon. He arrived in La Harpe township in May of that year and in the following September went to Ottumwa, Iowa, being employed for several months on the construction of a railroad there. He then returned home, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, leasing land until 1900, subsequent to which time he purchased a tract of fifty-three acres, located on section 36, La Harpe township. There were few improvements upon the place when he took possession but he has erected good buildings, set out an orchard, containing apple, peach, plum and cherry trees, has fenced the place, and altogether has an excellent farm property, of which forty acres are devoted to general farming, while the remainder is fine pasture land, in which are seen good grades of stock, including Poland China hogs and Polled Angus cattle. He also raises poultry, making a specialty of the Plymouth Rock breed, and he finds this branch of his business is proving very profitable.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born two sons and three daughters, namely: George David, who was born May 5, 1886; Millie May, born April 10, 1888; Claud C., July 13, 1893; Lillie Goldie E., April 28, 1900; and Dorothy F., October 10, 1903. While Mr. Thatcher supports democratic principles he is not active in the work of the party, preferring to give his undivided time to his business interests. He holds membership with the Christian Union church at La Harpe. Starting out in life on his own responsibility without capital he has worked his way upward from a humble financial position and whatever success he has achieved is due entirely to his own well directed labors and strong purpose.

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#### NOAH McCORD.

Noah McCord represents the rich agricultural district of Hancock county, where he is carrying on general farming and stock-raising. He is a native son of this county, his natal day being February 8, 1854, a son of John W. and Nancy (Manifold) McCord, both natives of Tennessee. In their family are four sons and four daughters, of whom our subject is the seventh in order of birth.

Noah McCord acquired his education in the Bradshaw district school near his father's home, and during his boyhood and youth assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, remaining with his parents until his marriage, Septem-

ber 27, 1877, at which time Miss Frances Long became his wife. She is likewise a native of Hancock county, her birth having here occurred January 6, 1858, a daughter of David and Mildred (Childress) Long, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter born in Fountain Green township, this county. Her father accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Long, on the removal to Henderson county, this state, in the year 1840, and her parents were married in this county, thus becoming early settlers of this portion of the state. The father passed away October 22, 1895, while the mother survived until October 14, 1896, when she, too, was called to her final rest, having reached the age of fifty-three years, her birth having occurred in 1843.

Following his marriage our subject rented a farm in McDonough county, to which he took his bride, their home being in Hire township. One year later he removed to another farm, this being located near La Crosse, and he there continued his farming operations for six years, subsequent to which time he removed to La Harpe township, Hancock county, where he operated rented land during the succeeding six years, and through his industry and economy at the end of that time he was enabled to invest in property, becoming possessor, in 1892, of one hundred and sixty acres of land, lying on section 10. This was a partially improved tract but since Mr. McCord has taken up his abode here he has made many modern and substantial improvements. He has added to the original residence so that he now has a modern country home, and has also erected barns and

sheds, has fenced the place with wire fencing, and has set out a good orchard, from which he gathers good crops of fruit in season. In 1902 he added to his original holdings by the purchase of an eighty-acre tract lying on section 9, and in 1905 added a second eighty-acre tract but in the spring of the present year he disposed of eighty acres, so that he now has two hundred and forty acres, and his is one of the finely improved and productive tracts of this section of the state. In addition to his agricultural pursuits he also engages in the raising of cattle, horses and hogs, and this branch of his business is proving a profitable source of revenue to him.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. McCord have been born four children, of whom two died in infancy. Those who survive are: Mabel, born January 1, 1882, the wife of Roy E. Hancock, engaged in the dray business at La Harpe; and Cleola May, born January 29, 1887, and now the wife of Clarence Ketchum, of La Harpe. The deceased are: Ardie Clark, who was born July 18, 1878, and died June 29, 1880; and Atley Clyde, who was born March 17, 1896, and died October 24, 1898.

Mr. McCord's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give his support to the Democratic party. He held the office of school director for nine years but aside from this has never been active in public affairs. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to lodge No. 653, at La Harpe. His integrity and energy have been salient characteristics in his business life and he



enjoys the full confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

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### JOSEPH V. MANUSSIERS.

Joseph V. Manussier, well-known in Hancock county as a prosperous and prominent resident of Basco, and as a business man, who has controlled and still has important interests, was born in Martigny les Lamarche, France, in 1848, and his parents, Claude and Marguerite (Poincot) Manussier, were also natives of that country, the former born in 1826 and the latter in 1820. The father came to America in 1852 but returned in 1855. However, he once more crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1859 with his family and remained in this country until 1873. In that year he and his wife re-visited the land of his birth and on March 1, 1861, he settled in the village of Basco. During the first three years of his residence in America he lived in Ohio, but throughout the remaining time spent in this country he made his home in Basco, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1880. In his fraternal relations he was a Mason. His wife came to America in 1859 and made a visit to France with her husband in 1873. She died in 1893 and they lie buried in Basco cemetery. Of their three children two were born in France, Joseph V. and Charles, the latter now a resident of France. One son, August, was born in this country and lives in Basco.

Joseph V. Manussier acquired his early education in France, and came to America with his parents in 1859. He remained with his father until twenty-two years of age and then started out in life on his own account, completing his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Ermence Sylvester, who was born in Ohio, in 1855, and is a daughter of Joseph and Pelagie (Sirrey) Sylvester, who were also natives of France. The father was a wagonmaker by trade and arrived in America in 1852, settling in Ohio. Later he became a resident of Warsaw, Illinois, where he died about 1861. His widow still survives him and has reached the age of eighty-three years. She died October 20, 1906. They have two daughters, both living, the elder being Eloise, the wife of Julius Lan- net, of Warsaw.

Following his marriage Mr. Manussier rented land from his father and thereon engaged in farming for five years. In 1870 he removed to Basco, and in 1876 became connected with C. Cachuex in a business enterprise which they continued for eighteen months. The partnership was then dissolved in 1877 and for ten years thereafter the firm was Doty & Manussier, the partner of our subject being Lyman Doty. They conducted a general store with good success and when Mr. Doty retired the firm became Manussier & Naeglin, while the succeeding change in partnership has led to the assumption of the title of Manussier, Naeglin & Company. In 1896, however, Mr. Manussier withdrew from the firm, and selling his interest, embarked in the grain business under the firm name of Damron

& Manussier, which was continued for two years and then became Manussier & Son. An admission of another son to the business has made the firm style of Manussier & Sons. They own and control the only elevator in the village, with a capacity of twenty thousand bushels of grain and they handle both grain and stock. Mr. Manussier is likewise president of the Basco Bank. His business interests have thus been varied as well as important and he is continually enlarging the scope of his activities, each step in his career being a forward one and bringing him a broader outlook and greater opportunities. He has accomplished whatever he has undertaken by reason of his force of character, his unflinching perseverance and his unflagging industry.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Manussier have been born five children, all born in Bear Creek township, and three are now living. Charles, who married Minnie Tieman, and has a daughter, Vera, is engaged in business with his father. Joseph married Lulu Biggs, by whom he has a daughter, Fairy, and their home is in Basco. Jennie, who attended a private school in Chicago, a student of music under Emil Liebling, a famous pianist, is now engaged in teaching music in Basco, and likewise has pupils at West Point and at Bentley. In 1890 Mr. Manussier built an elegant home on Main street in Basco. It is the largest residence in the village and one of the most attractive features. The scene of a cultured society circle, one of its chief charms is its warm-hearted and gracious hospitality. Mr. Manussier also has a fine vineyard and owns one hundred and fifty-four acres of ground in Bear

Creek township. He also has twelve acres north of Basco where his creamery stands, eighty acres below Warsaw and several lots in Basco. He is largely a self-made man. His wife received fifty dollars from his father as a present and he was given a team of horses by his father. This was all the inheritance which they received and thus they practically started out in life empty-handed. Today Mr. Manussier is one of the prosperous residents of the county, due to his fidelity and enterprise. He has readily recognized and utilized opportunities, and constantly broadening the scope of his activity, has, through his well directed energy, gained a place among the leading business men of this locality. Never making engagements that he has not filled nor incurring obligations that he has not met, he enjoys to the full extent the respect and good will of those with whom he has been associated. In politics he is a democrat and has served as school director, while he and his wife are devout members of the Catholic church and their social prominence places them among the leaders in society interests in Basco and this part of the county.

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SCOTT G. LIONBERGER.

Scott G. Lionberger, whose farming interests are represented in an excellent tract of land in Fountain Green township, which was the old family homestead, was born in Pilot Grove township, this county,

November 22, 1854, and is the second in order of birth in a family of four children, whose parents were Hamilton and Eliza (Bainter) Lionberger. The father was born in Page county, Virginia, September 2, 1817, and the mother, a daughter of John Bainter, was born in Madison county, Ohio, January 24, 1822. Hamilton Lionberger came to this county in the spring of 1836 and settled in Pilot Grove township with his parents. He was married November 23, 1852, after which he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in the same township. Two years later he sold that property and bought two hundred and forty-six acres on section 6, Fountain Green township, about one-half of which was under cultivation while the remainder was covered with timber. He erected some new buildings and also remodeled those that were already there, carrying on the work of improvement along many lines. He set out many soft maples for shade and put the place in fine shape. He died there August 6, 1884, and his wife passed away April 29, 1890. In their family were four children: John, who was born December 24, 1853, and died in infancy; Scott G.; Carlos, of Scotland county, Missouri; and Amelia, the wife of G. W. Schlackett, of Memphis, Missouri.

Reared to the occupation of farming, Scott G. Lionberger attended the Rossville district school and was also a student in Carthage College for six months. He remained upon the home farm until his marriage, which was celebrated March 25, 1880, Miss Fannie A. Parker becoming his wife. She was born in Harpersfield, Delaware county, New York, and

was educated in the district schools and the high school at Fountain Green. Her parents were William and Mary (Young) Parker. Her father was born in Bainbridge, New York, September 5, 1827, and was a son of James and Sarah (McCauley) Parker, while her mother was born in Delaware county, July 12, 1827, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Campbell) Young. Mrs. Lionberger's parents came to Fountain Green township in the spring of 1867, and the father purchased eighty acres of land, which he cultivated for some time and then sold. He then removed to Keokuk, Iowa, where he died February 14, 1890, while his wife passed away May 23, 1888. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lionberger have been born three children: Harvey Loy, who was born February 1, 1881, and is now in Spokane, Washington; Hubert Earl, who was born December 26, 1883, and is in Fountain Green township; and Mary Frances, born June 5, 1893.

After his marriage Mr. Lionberger began operating the old home place and subsequent to his parents' death he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home property. There is now about fifty acres of timber land, while the remainder is used for pasture land and for general farming. In addition to tilling the soil and raising the crops best adapted to climatic conditions here, he also raises shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey hogs and Morgan and Percheron horses, having high grades of stock upon his place, this branch of his business being an important source of revenue to him.

In his political views Mr. Lionberger is a democrat and is conversant with the

dominant party issues. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons and he is a member of the Christian church at La Crosse, in which he has served as a deacon since 1902. He is interested in its work and does all in his power to promote its progress.

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#### LEWIS F. GEORGE.

Lewis F. George is the owner of one of the finest farms in Hancock county and western Illinois. It is situated in Fountain Green township, and the beautiful modern residence which stands in its midst is indicative of the spirit of progress which dominates the owner. His stock, too, is of the highest grades and everything about the farm is in keeping therewith and shows Mr. George to be a man of excellent business ability and executive force.

Born in Fountain Green township, April 19, 1868, he is a son of Henry and Martha (Balsley) George. The father was born in Weisenhasel Hesse Cassel, Germany, June 24, 1825, and the mother's birth occurred near Staunton, Augusta county, Virginia, June 22, 1831. The former was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Schaffer) George, and the latter a daughter of Jonathan Balsley. In 1848 Henry George, Jr., came with his parents to America from the fatherland and settled in Augusta county, Virginia, where they were farming people and continued to reside until 1867. The father of our

subject then removed with his family to McDonough county, Illinois, where he lived for one year, and then came to Fountain Green township, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 13, then under cultivation, while a house and barn had also been erected. The parents of our subject had been married in Sherando, Virginia, February 28, 1854, and had lived upon rented farms there until coming to Illinois. Mr. George lost heavily through the depreciation of Confederate money at the time of the Civil war and after coming to the west he lived upon a farm upon which his father died, and whereon he and his wife spent their remaining days, his death occurring March 14, 1899, while his wife passed away February 26, 1904. In their family were four children: Mary, the wife of Mansel White, of Blandinsville, Illinois; Mrs. Elenora Virginia White, of La Plata, Missouri; and Emma, the wife of F. S. McElherne, an attorney of Chicago.

Lewis George, the only son, attended the Hickory Grove district school, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his parent's home. When twenty-one years of age he rented a farm in Fountain Green township and continued its operation until the death of his father, when he came into possession of the old home farm of ninety-three and a half acres, of which eighty acres lies on section 13, and the remainder on section 23, Fountain Green township. About seventy acres were under cultivation and the remainder in timber and pasture. Mr. George has carried on general farming. One year before his marriage he purchased eighty acres on section 14, of the same township, nearly all of which

was cleared. Upon it stood an old frame house which was built by his wife's grandfather as a school house in the '30s. It was he who also built the first frame barn in the county. Mr. George and his wife occupied the old frame house until 1893, when he erected a large modern residence, heated with hot water. He has also an appliance for making gas from gasoline, used for both lighting and cooking and he has air pressure system for forcing water to any part of the house. Outside of the cities there is no finer home in Hancock county, and its furnishings are both luxuriant and comfortable without evidences of display, but on the contrary, indicating a refined taste. In 1896 he built a large barn and in 1898 purchased an old church which he converted into a granary. In 1905 he built a cattle shed and he has a large Fairbank's wagon scale, installed in 1896. He has put up a large windmill, and a well over one hundred feet deep supplies the house and stock with water. The farm is most complete in every detail and indicates the most modern progress in agricultural lines. Mr. George, in connection with the cultivation of the fields, raises Belgium draft horses, also road horses, shorthorn cattle and Duroc and Poland China hogs. His business interests are also further represented by six rural telephone lines which he owns.

On the 7th of June, 1893, Mr. George was married to Miss Nellie B. White, who was born in Warsaw, Illinois, January 15, 1867, and was educated in the public and high schools there. Her parents were William Harrison and Eunice F. (Beebe) White, the former born in Al-

legany county, New York, March 9, 1817, a son of Jary and Lucinda White, while Eunice F. Beebe was born March 31, 1827, in Cattaraugus county, New York, a daughter of Jabez and Sophia A. (Waite) Beebe. Jabez Beebe was born in January, 1799, and died in 1871. After the death of his first wife he married her sister, Martha Waite. He came to this township in 1832, among its earliest settlers and gave to it the name of Fountain Green. He was the owner of the land whereon the village now stands and also owned tracts for miles around. Jary White came with ox teams from New York in 1835 and settled in the same locality, where he lived until his death. William H. White first married Irene L. Foy, a native of New York, who died April 27, 1851. They had two children—one who died in infancy, the other, Emory B. White, of Clarion, Iowa. The mother of Mrs. George died December 7, 1874. Her living children are: W. Scott, of Muscatine, Iowa; Henry C., of Spokane, Washington; Mrs. George; and Lucy M., the wife of Wesley Engel, of Brighton, Iowa.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. George have been born two children: Philip Earl, born December 8, 1898; and Martha Ruth, November 20, 1900. The parents are liberal contributors to the Christian church, of which Mr. George has been a trustee since 1903. He votes the republican ticket and in the spring of 1906 was elected road commissioner for a two years' term. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of Fountain Green and the Odd Fellows of Blandinsville. Well known in the county where his en-

tire life has been passed he is thoroughly in touch with the most modern methods of farming and his business experience and sound judgment are elements in a success which places him in the foremost rank among the representatives of agriculture in Hancock county.

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### HENRY BRICKER.

Henry Bricker, who since the age of fourteen years has been dependent upon his own resources so that the success which he has achieved and enjoyed has come as the merited reward of his earnest labor and perseverance, is now living in Montebello township, where he owns a good farming property on section 34. He is one of Hancock county's native sons, for he was born in the old historic town of Warsaw, November 23, 1865. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Herrick) Bricker, both of whom were natives of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. They became residents of Warsaw early in 1864, in which year they crossed the Atlantic from the fatherland to the new world, hoping in this country to secure a more substantial pecuniary reward for labor than could be obtained in their native land. Mr. Bricker purchased thirty acres of land, whereon he engaged in general gardening, in raising grapes and in the manufacture of wine. At a later date he sold that property and purchased a residence in Warsaw, where he now makes his home. His wife, however, passed

away in 1892. In their family were four children, namely: Henry, of this review; Annie, the wife of C. A. Wegenhenkel, of Wythe township; Otto, of Lura, Missouri; and Amelia, the wife of J. D. Piggott.

Henry Bricker was a student of the public schools of Warsaw in his early boyhood days, and at the age of fourteen started out to earn his own living, beginning work in this vicinity in the employ of Owen Pence, of Keokuk, and A. L. Miller, of Hamilton, who were proprietors of a dairy. From that time afterward Mr. Bricker has provided for his own support, and following his marriage he took up his abode upon a farm of eighty acres in Prairie township. The only improvements upon the farm were a small house, which was surrounded by a fence. In later years Mr. Bricker made additions to and remodeled the house, built a barn, fenced his place and otherwise improved it, transforming it into a good property. After two years he sold that property and bought seventy-seven acres on section 34, Montebello township. He has a good set of farm buildings and his residence stands well back from the road with a fine lawn in front, adorned with shade trees. It shows every evidence of care and improvement, and Mr. Bricker is numbered among the progressive agriculturists who keep in touch with modern ideas of farm life in all his work. The fields are devoted to the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and he also raises Durham cows and Poland China hogs.

On the 5th of March, 1891, Mr. Bricker was married to Miss Caroline Egley who was born in Warsaw, January 1

1871, a daughter of George and Catherine (Straling) Egley, who were natives of Germany, but were married in Warsaw, where they still reside. The paternal grandparents were Henry and Catherine Egley, who were likewise residents of Warsaw, where the latter passed away in 1881, and the former in 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Bricker have an interesting family of two sons and a daughter: Marion J., born December 7, 1891; George H., September 10, 1895; and Clara Ida, August 25, 1898. Politically Mr. Bricker is a republican and he and his family attend the German Congregational church, of which he is a member. He has always displayed a resolute spirit and strong determination in carrying on his business interests, while in public matters he has given evidence of a progressive spirit in the manner in which he has supported all movements for the general good.

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#### DICK HERBERT DAVIS.

Dick Herbert Davis, carrying on general farming and stock-raising in Appanoose, his native township, was born August 7, 1860. He was educated in the Mound district school, in the high school at Carthage and in the Carthage College, which he attended for a year. His parents were Amos and Harriet L. (Andrus) Davis, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of Michigan. The father came from the Green Mountain state with a cousin to the eastern part of Illinois and afterward went to St. Louis,

Missouri, where he entered the employ of a firm that established a branch store in Nauvoo. This he conducted for a time, after which he purchased the property. He was conducting the store at the time the Mormons were driven from their stronghold there. He afterward traded his stock of goods for land in Appanoose township, and in 1849 he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He then returned by way of the Cape of Good Hope but later again went to California, where he remained for some time. He was there during the days of early mining excitement and was familiar with all of the experiences which are to be met in a district before the organization of courts when the lawless take advantage of the opportunities they offer them for the perpetration of crime. At length returning to Hancock county he lived upon his farm until death, which occurred March 22, 1872, while his wife passed away in January, 1866. Their children were Ethan, who died at the age of twenty-six years; George E., of Rock Creek township; Dick H., of this review; and Chloe E., the wife of F. H. Weber, of Fort Madison, Iowa.

Mr. Davis of this review made his home on his father's farm until after the latter's death, after which he spent ten months in Quincy. He then returned to the old homestead and remained with his step-mother for several years although at intervals he was occupied with business duties elsewhere. At the age of seventeen years he began work on the farm of Hugh Jackson, where he remained one summer, and in the fall of 1879 he went

to Kansas but on the 7th of June, 1880, returned to Hancock county. Here he began farming on his own account on one hundred and twenty acres of land which he owned on section 29, Pontoosuc township. Three years later he took up his abode near North Platte, Nebraska, where he followed ranching for three years. He then secured a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres which he proved up and on the 20th of March, 1894, he rented that place and removed to North Platte, where he worked for the Union Pacific Railroad Company for ten months. On the 21st of January, 1895, he again located on the ranch, where he spent sixteen months, and on the 24th of May, 1897, he again entered the employ of the railroad company, living at North Platte for a year thereafter in that capacity. He was afterward appointed city marshal and served until May, 1900, subsequent to which time he was again an employe of the Union Pacific Railroad Company until June 21, 1902. Removing to Fort Madison he was employed by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company from August 1, 1902, until April 6, 1903, when he rented a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 25, Appanoose township, from Mrs. Sarah Hoxworth. Here he carries on general farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Davis was married July 2, 1888, in Perkins county, Nebraska, to Viola M. Smith, who was born in Lawrence county, Indiana, a daughter of James and Euphemia (Nation) Smith. Their children are: Chloe E., born June 21, 1889; Marie F., January 28, 1900; and Mabel A., March 17, 1905.

#### BERNHARD GIESE.

Bernhard Giese, a veteran of the Civil war, who though not a native son of America displayed a loyalty as great as that of any of the soldiers who were born under the stars and stripes, now makes his home in Hamilton. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, in 1828, his parents being Bernhardt and Angela (Schultz) Giese, also of the fatherland. In early manhood Mr. Giese of this review enlisted for service in the German Army but after two years he deserted, wishing to make his home in the "land of the free." Crossing the Atlantic, he took up his abode in Quincy, Illinois, where he was employed in various ways until after his marriage on the 19th of April, 1853, Miss Mary Ann Eising becoming his wife. She was born in Prussia, March 27, 1835, a daughter of Bernhard and Elizabeth (Steining) Eising both natives of Prussia. Her parents, leaving the fatherland, sailed for New Orleans, where they resided for two years and in 1844 made their way northward to Quincy, Illinois, where Mr. Eising was employed as a laborer for seven years. He then purchased a farm in Marion county, Missouri, where he spent a year and a half engaged in general agricultural pursuits. On the expiration of that period he returned to Quincy, where he lived until 1865, when he removed to Warsaw, Illinois, making his home there until his death on the 8th of December, 1888, when he was ninety-three years of age. His wife passed away September 12, 1884, when she was seventy-one years of age.



Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Giese resided in different places, but their children, seven in number, were all born in Quincy. These are: Elizabeth, now Mrs. W. A. Sherman, a widow; Bernhard, a resident of Quincy; Anthony; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Mollie, who died at the age of eighteen years; Katie, the wife of Henry Lefers, of Quincy, Illinois; and one died in infancy.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Giese responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in 1865 as a member of Company H, Forty-third Illinois Infantry. He served for one year and was then honorably discharged and in recognition of conditions brought about by his military service he has been granted a pension of twelve dollars per month since 1892. In 1895 he removed with his family to Hamilton and purchased four lots in Oakwood, which is Safford's addition to the city. Here he has since lived retired and he has become well known here, gaining many warm friends during the period of his residence in Hancock county.

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#### RUDOLPH WILSON ALVORD.

Rudolph Wilson Alvord, one of the venerable citizens of Hamilton, who receives and merits the respect and good will of all, was born in Niagara county, New York, December 29, 1823. His parents were Samuel and Ursula (Smith) Alvord, natives of Massachusetts and

Connecticut respectively. His maternal grandfather; Oliver Smith, was a resident of Canada and was a great trader, being engaged in merchandising also for a number of years. The paternal grandfather was a farmer, always resided in Massachusetts and was a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

Samuel Alvord, following the occupation of farming, was also a local preacher in Massachusetts, where he resided to the age of thirty-five years, when he removed to Niagara county, New York. He was ordained a minister of the Baptist church at Casnovia, New York, and engaged in preaching the gospel in that state until 1847, when he removed to Montebello township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he made his home until his death, which occurred about 1873, when he had reached the very advanced age of eighty-eight years. He had long survived his wife, who died about 1858.

Rudolph Wilson Alvord, the fifth in order of birth in a family of ten children, two sons and eight daughters, was reared to farm life. He remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he returned to Chautauqua county, New York, and was there married in May, 1852, to Miss Angeline Sullivan, whose birth occurred in that county, her parents being Rev. Benjamin and Amy Sullivan, the former a minister of the Reformed church. Following his marriage Mr. Alvord brought his bride to Hancock county, Illinois, and unto them were born four children, but three have passed away: Benjamin, who died at the age of fifteen months; Charles, at the age of six years; and Wilson, at the age of sixteen years.

The surviving member of the family is Susanna, the wife of Amassa Hagar, of Hamilton.

Following his return to Hancock county Mr. Alvord lived upon the farm which he owned in Montebello township, making his home there for two years, when he purchased another place of nine acres in the eastern part of Hamilton. He has since divided this and has sold off six town lots. He began raising fruit and after some years he sold his prairie farm. Having lost his first wife in the fall of 1876, he was married to Julia (Johnson) Chapin, a widow, who was born in Connecticut. They had two sons, Milton and Horace Alvord, both residents of Illinois. The wife and mother died in 1880 and in 1883 Mr. Alvord wedded Mary Jane Wilson at Keokuk, Iowa. She was born in Ohio and her death occurred in Hamilton, April 17, 1902. Mr. Alvord's daughter has been a widow since 1890 and has resided with her father since the death of her daughter in 1902. She was married December 2, 1874, to Amassa Hagar, who was born in Whitehall, Illinois, July 27, 1850. There were four children of that marriage: Mary, who was born in August, 1876, and died in infancy; Nellie Belle, who was born December 2, 1878, and died April 4, 1901. She was the wife of Frank Worth, a native of Jerseyvillè, Illinois, and now a cigar maker at Canton, Missouri. They had one child, Amassa Hagar Worth, born June 3, 1898. Frances Ada was born July 4, 1883, and the wife of George Janeway, cashier of the bank at Skiatook, Indian Territory. Angelina was born September 9, 1888. The death of Mr. Hagar occurred March

22, 1890. He was engaged in the grain and live stock business at Marysville, Kansas, where he resided with his family for many years, and after his demise Mrs. Hagar continued to remain there until her father lost his wife, when she returned and has since lived with him in Hamilton.

Mr. Alvord has for a number of years lived retired at his pleasant home in Hamilton. He has led a busy and useful life and his rest is well merited. There have been no exciting chapters in his history, but he has always been faithful to the duties of citizenship and the ties of home and wherever known is held in high esteem in recognition of his genuine personal worth.

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#### WILLIAM F. TRAVERSE.

William F. Traverse, owning and operating two hundred acres of land called the Twin Hill Stock Farm, situated in Appanoose, his native township, was born February 27, 1868. His paternal grandfather bore the name of Hiel Traverse, and his father, William F. Traverse, who was born in Kentucky, December 15, 1827, arrived in Appanoose township in 1847, where he purchased land, and was here married May 4, 1865, to Miss Emily Willsey, who was born April 2, 1842, and her father, Peter Willsey, was numbered among the very early settlers of this county. William F. Traverse owned three hundred and twenty acres of land on section 26, Appanoose township, and he likewise owned two other tracts, one of

twenty and the other containing sixty acres, situated near Niota. His land was all wild and unimproved when it came into his possession but he developed and cultivated the fields, and erected a fine home and many substantial outbuildings, thus making his farm one of the valuable properties of this section of the state. He was thus actively and helpfully identified with much of the improvement and upbuilding of the county in its early pioneer development. In addition to his farming interests he also engaged quite extensively in the raising of draft horses. In his family were three sons and one daughter, namely: John Q., who was born June 23, 1866, was married and resided in Quincy, Illinois, there passing away November 8, 1897. William F. is the next of the family. Isaac W., who was born October 22, 1872, is a physician and surgeon, practicing at Fort Madison, Iowa. Emily J., born December 13, 1876, is now the wife of C. L. W. Silverschmidt, and resides in San Francisco, California. The mother of this family died June 29, 1878, and her remains were interred in Tull cemetery in Pontoosuc township. The father survived until October 4, 1901, when he was laid to rest by the side of his wife.

After the death of the parents the land was divided among the children, and our subject and his brother, Isaac W., purchased the interest of their sister in the estate, so that William F. Traverse came into possession of two hundred acres of the old homestead property, and he likewise owns sixty-eight acres on section 9 and ten acres of timber land on section 15.

William F. Traverse received liberal educational advantages, having supplemented his early education by a course of study at the Fort Madison Business College and also at the Northern Illinois Normal School, at Dixon. At the age of twenty-two years, having completed his education, he engaged in the fire and life insurance business at Fort Madison, continuing in that business for four years. Subsequent to that time he and his brother, John Q., now deceased, engaged in the wholesale and retail shoe business, having an establishment in Medina Temple, at the corner of Jackson and Fifth avenue, Chicago. A year later he disposed of his shoe business and went to Joplin, Missouri, where he conducted a steam drill for two years, and following that period he then for a year represented the Joplin Machine Works on the road, selling mining and other machinery in the state of Missouri. His father's health having failed, Mr. Traverse then returned again to the old home farm and assumed its management until his father's death, after which, as stated, he came into possession of two hundred acres of the old homestead property, known as the Twin Hill Stock Farm, being so called from the fact that the house stands on one hill, while the barn is located on an opposite hill. In addition to carrying on general farming he is also engaged in raising Chester White hogs, raising about one hundred and fifty annually.

On the 8th of November, 1901, Mr. Traverse secured as a companion and helpmate Miss Jennie O. Hobbs, a daughter of Leonard Hobbs. She was born, reared and educated in Appanoose town-

ship, and by her marriage has become the mother of one daughter, Emily J., whose birth occurred September 5, 1902. Politically Mr. Traverse is a democrat, while his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. He is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Pontoosuc, while he also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen camp at Fort Madison, Iowa.

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### JOHN M. BERRY.

John M. Berry, better known as J. M. Berry in Carthage, where he has long made his home, was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, October 31, 1834, his parents being Jesse and Mary (Collins) Berry, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. In an early day they removed from that state to Macoupin county, where the father engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years of age. His widow afterward removed to Carthage, where her last days were passed. Both were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. In their family were eight children but only two are now living: J. M.; and Mary S., the latter the wife of William Clark, of Carlinville, Illinois. One son of the family, David M. Berry, served for four years as a soldier in the Civil war.

J. M. Berry is indebted to the public school system of Macoupin county for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and when not occupied with his text-books

he engaged in farming upon his father's land. His attention was given to general agricultural pursuits until 1861, so that he lived upon the home farm for five years after his marriage. In 1861 he came to Carthage and, owning a team, he engaged in teaming for six years. He then engaged in the grocery business, which he successfully followed for a quarter of a century and was also engaged with the coal and grain trade, giving his attention, however, more largely to the coal business. Later he conducted a jewelry store in Carthage for two years, but during the past six years has lived retired.

Mr. Berry was married January 24, 1856, to Miss Mary Crawford, who was born in Macoupin county, Illinois, December 22, 1827, her parents being Joseph and Rebecca (Ledford) Crawford. Her father was a farmer and for many years was engaged in the tilling of the soil in Macoupin county, both he and his wife coming to Illinois from Tennessee at an early day. They were both prominent and influential members of the Methodist church, in which he filled nearly all of the offices. In their family were ten children, of whom three have passed away. Those still living are: S. M., a resident of La Plata, Missouri; Mary, now Mrs. Berry; Jesse, of Beloit, Kansas; Joseph, of Gerard, Illinois; James, of Palmyra, Illinois; and Jonathan and Elijah, who are also residents of Palmyra. Five sons in that family served in the Civil war for four full years, these being John, S. M., Jesse, James and Joseph Crawford.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been born eight children, of whom three died

in infancy, while the others reached years of maturity. L. W. Berry, the eldest surviving member of the family, married Fannie Crawford, lives in Carthage and has three children: Freddie Corine, Kenneth and Leonard Coleman. Naomi F. is the wife of Walter VanZile, of Carthage, Illinois, and they have five children: Roy H., Leon, Jesse, Mary and Signa. Duwane G. married Hattie Noyes, of Carthage, and has one child, Catherine. Rosa B. is the wife of Charles McCool, of Jacksonville, Illinois, and has four children. Oscar V. married Mary E. Frazier, by whom he has one child, J. M. Berry, named for his grandfather. Their home is in Peoria, where Oscar V. Perry is an optician.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are devoted members of the Methodist church, of which he has served as trustee and steward for many years. His early political affiliation was given to the Republican party but he is now a prohibitionist, having long been a stalwart supporter of the cause of temperance. In 1892 he purchased his present cottage on Main street and is comfortably settled in life. On the 24th of January, 1906, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding, all of their children and the greater number of their grandchildren being gathered around the family board, while a reception was held for them in the Methodist church. It was largely attended and the event was a very happy one. This worthy couple well deserve the esteem and admiration which are so uniformly accorded them. Mr. Berry has lived in Carthage for over forty-five years, coming here when the city was but a village. He has witnessed

many changes here and throughout the county and has an intimate knowledge of the events which have molded the history and shaped the policy of this part of the state. He had no special advantages in his youth nor any superior educational privileges and his life has been characterized by steady and determined purpose and by unimpeachable integrity. In manner he is modest and quiet and is an entertaining conversationalist. He devoted much time to reading until the failure of his eyesight and is a well informed man, who, having passed the seventy-second milestone on life's journey, is now enjoying a well-earned rest at his home in Carthage.

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#### WESLEY WILLIAMS.

The name of Williams, borne by successive generations, is inseparably interwoven with the history of Carthage and Hancock county and he whose name introduces this review was one of the pioneers of this part of the state, arriving here from Kentucky in 1828. He was one of a family of twelve children, most of whom became residents of Illinois, where many of their descendants are still found. Wesley Williams was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, the family emigrating from Virginia to the Blue Grass state. It is probable that they are descendants of Roger Williams and at all events it is definitely known that the family has been represented in America through many generations, the ancestry

being traced back to early colonial days. Reared in the state of his nativity Wesley Williams was there married and brought two children with him on his removal from Kentucky to Illinois. His second wife was Mrs. Ruth Scobey and they lived for a time at what is known as the old town of Montebello, now deserted. There their first child was born, after which they removed to Carthage, where occurred the birth of their second child, Wesley C. Williams, who bore the distinction of being the first child born at the new county seat.

For a number of years Mr. Williams operated a mill on Crooked creek, this being one of the first grist mills of the county and an old landmark. He was one of the prominent and influential residents of the county at an early day, filling various positions of public trust, to which he was called by his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and his fidelity to duty. He acted as circuit clerk and recorder from 1828 until 1841 and later was judge of the county commissioners' court. Removing to Elvaston, Illinois, he occupied the position of postmaster at that place. His political allegiance was given to the Whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the new Republican party. He spent his last years with his children, passing away in 1870 after a residence of more than four decades in Illinois. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and his life was permeated by his Christian faith. He was a typical pioneer settler of courageous spirit and earnest purpose, who bravely met the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life and aided in plant-

ing the seeds of civilization here. He recognized the possibilities of the county, labored earnestly for its development and left the impress of his individuality for good upon public thought and action.

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#### WESLEY C. WILLIAMS.

Wesley C. Williams has the distinction of being the first white child born in Carthage, his natal day being August 13, 1833. The old family home, in which he first opened his eyes to the light of day, stood near the present site of the Presbyterian church. His father was Wesley Williams, an honored pioneer settler, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. His education was acquired in such schools as were found in pioneer communities and when about eighteen years of age he went to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific coast. He made the overland trip, his father fitting out an ox team for that purpose and there he carried on freighting business between Shasta City and Yreka with good success. He operated six mule teams and had a large and profitable business. He was recognized as one of the prominent citizens of his part of the state in an early day and aided in its preliminary development and improvement. Remaining in the west for several years, he returned to Hancock county about 1858 and began farming in Prairie township, where he secured a tract of raw land, on which not a furrow had

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JOHN W. WILLIAMS



been turned nor an improvement made. There he carried on the work of the fields for some time but afterward removed to Bear Creek township, where he prospered in his undertakings.

While living in Bear Creek township Mr. Williams was married on the 6th of June, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Moore, also a native of this county and a daughter of Andrew and Abigail (Tweed) Moore, pioneer residents who came to Hancock county from Delaware in 1836. Mr. Williams continued his farming operations in Bear Creek township until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in response to his country's need he offered his services to the government and became a member of Company G, Eighteenth Illinois Cavalry. While serving with that command he was captured at Harper's Ferry and after being held a prisoner for a time was paroled and later honorably discharged. At the close of his military service he resumed farming in Bear Creek township, where he resided until 1871, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation and making many improvements upon his farm. In the year mentioned, however, he put aside agricultural pursuits and removed to Carthage, where he engaged in the livery business until 1873. He then located in Prairie township, where he continued farming until his death on the 4th of November, 1891.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Williams were born six children, two of whom died in infancy, while four are yet living: Homer G., who is cashier of the People's State Bank of Hamilton, Illinois; Judge J. W. Williams, county judge of Hancock county; Archibald C., a resident farmer

of Prairie township and a member of the county board of supervisors, of which he has also been chairman; and Robert, who is a practicing physician at Alden, Minnesota. All of the sons have become prominent in the various walks of life which they have chosen.

In his political views Mr. Williams was an earnest democrat, always supporting the candidates of the party save when at the time of the Civil war he cast his ballot for Abraham Lincoln. He was supervisor from Bear Creek township, also from Carthage and Prairie township and for one year was chairman of the board. In 1886 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and served through the ensuing term. In 1888 he was again nominated by the democracy of the old twenty-fourth district but was defeated owing to the fact that this is a strong republican district. No one questioned his ability nor his fidelity in any office which he filled. He was a man of honor in public and private life, reliable and enterprising in business and progressive in citizenship. He attended and contributed to the support of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Williams, who is now living in Carthage with her brother, W. H. Moore, is an active and faithful member.

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#### JUDGE JOHN WESLEY WILLIAMS.

With few opportunities or advantages that he has not secured for himself Judge

Williams has made steady advancement in those lines of life demanding intellectuality, business ability and fidelity and today commands a respect and esteem not only of his community but throughout the state. He has won prominence at the bar and is serving as county judge of Hancock county. His labors have been as well a source of direct and immediate benefit to the county along many lines of progress and improvement, much of his work having been done without any thought of remuneration but solely for the love of the work.

Born in Bear Creek township, this county, on the 18th of November, 1865, he is a representative of one of its oldest and most prominent families. His father was Wesley C. Williams, the first white child born in Carthage, mention of whom is made on another page of this work. Judge Williams acquired his early education in Carthage and in Prairie township and in early manhood engaged in teaching school. He also attended teachers' institutes and continued private study at home, alternating his time between teaching school and farm work until 1888. In that year he entered the office of the firm of Manier & Miller to read law and also attended the Union College of Law, the law department of the Northwestern University, being admitted to practice in 1891 on examination before the appellate court at Mount Vernon. Returning to Carthage he entered into partnership with his former preceptors, Messrs. Manier and Miller, under the firm style of Manier, Miller & Williams. This soon became recognized as one of the leading law firms of the county, having

the best library in this part of the state and usually representing either the defense or prosecution of every important litigated interest tried in the courts of the district.

In April, 1891, Judge Williams was elected city attorney and filled the office for three terms. He continued in private law practice with the firm of Manier & Miller and following the death of the senior partner, Mr. Manier, in 1897, the firm of Miller & Williams was formed and continued to enjoy a large and distinctively representative clientage. In 1902 Mr. Williams was nominated and elected county judge of Hancock county, at which time he withdrew from the partnership. He has filled the office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the general public, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. He has proven himself correct in his understanding and adaptation of the law and is a worthy conservator of the rights of the people who must look to those of position for the protection of their rights and liberties of life and property. Judge Williams also continues in private practice aside from the duties of his judicial position. He has moreover exerted a wide influence in public affairs, standing in support of improvement and advancement at all times. He served as a member of the city council in 1901-02, during which time he was instrumental in securing the passage of a measure for paving the streets, making the first motion in favor of such an ordinance. He is a member of the board of education and it was in great measure due to his efforts that the new high school building, the finest building in the county

of its kind, was erected, while in other ways he has stood for the betterment of the schools and the upbuilding of a high standard of public instruction. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party and he is an earnest, logical and convincing speaker upon many of the questions and issues of the day in the campaigns.

Judge Williams was married June 27, 1894, to Miss Adda Prentice, a daughter of Luke P. and Lydia A. (Quimby) Prentice, her father having been one of the early settlers of the county and later a resident of Carthage. Judge and Mrs. Williams have a daughter, Miriam E., and a son, Wesley Prentice. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and occupy a pleasant and attractive home on Jackson street. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has been secretary and senior deacon and he is likewise a member of Carthage chapter, No. 33, Royal Arch Masons, and the Order of the Eastern Star, of which he has been worthy patron. He is also a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, of which he is past chancellor commander and belongs to the Woodmen and other fraternal organizations. His entire life has been passed in Carthage and his record is another verification of the assertion of the German philosopher and poet that "merit and success go linked together." He has made a lasting impression upon the bar of the county both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community.

## ELI D. GILLHAM.

Eli D. Gillham, who was numbered among the California miners that flocked to the Pacific coast following the discovery of gold there, and who in Hancock county is living the more quiet life of a prosperous agriculturist, now makes his home in Warsaw. He is no longer engaged in the active business duties, for his former toil and capable management brought him a competence sufficient to enable him to enjoy in rest and quiet the fruits of former years. Born in Campbell county, Kentucky, April 22, 1832, he is descended from old southern families. His paternal grandfather, Robinson Gillham, was a native of Charleston, South Carolina, whence he removed to Kentucky, where his son, Robert Gillham, was born. The latter, having arrived at adult age, was married in that state to Elizabeth Walker, who was born in Kentucky, and was a daughter of John and Mary Walker, natives of Maryland, their birthplace being in the vicinity of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillham were farming people in the Blue Grass state until the spring of 1836, when they started for Illinois, traveling by the Ohio and Mississippi river route and arriving at Warsaw on the 11th of April. Mr. Gillham purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Walker township, of which about sixty acres was timber land, while the remainder was uncultivated prairie. Deer were so numerous that venison was a common dish upon the pioneer table and there were many wolves, panthers and other wild animals in the forests, while Indians were yet frequently

seen. Mr. Gillham built a log cabin in the midst of the green woods and resolutely undertook the task of clearing and improving his place. Year by year saw the fields placed under the plow and as opportunity offered he added to his land until he owned about six hundred acres all in Walker township. He kept about eighty acres in timber but improved all of the prairie land, bringing his fields under a high state of cultivation. There he lived until 1873, when he sold his property in Walker township and removed to Monroe county, Missouri, where he purchased about three hundred acres of land, making his home thereon until his death in April, 1879. His wife had passed away in October, 1856.

Eli D. Gillham, the seventh in their family of six sons and seven daughters, of whom two sons and three daughters are yet living, spent his boyhood days upon the farm in Walker township, having been a little lad of four years when brought by his parents to Illinois. The district schools near by afforded him his educational privileges and he received ample training in the work of the fields, assisting each summer in the task of plowing, planting and harvesting upon the old homestead until 1850, when in company with his brother John, he started for California, crossing the plains with a team of horses. They left home on the 10th of April and after a long and wearisome trip across the hot stretches of sand and over the mountain passes arrived at Hangtown, now called Placerville. There they engaged in placer mining and Mr. Gillham of this review remained for two years but his brother returned home prior

to that time. Eli Gillham made the return trip by way of the isthmus route, riding from Panama to Chagres on a pony, and floated down Chagres river in a small boat to Gargonía, thence by rail to Aspinwall, now Colon, to New Orleans and the Mississippi river, arriving eventually at Warsaw. He came back broke. He later rented a farm in Walker township for five years, and with the capital which he had saved from his earnings during that period, he made purchase of eighty acres on section 9, Walker township, where he lived from 1858 until April, 1863. In that year he and his brother Robeson, and his brother-in-law drove twenty-six head of horses across the plains to the Pacific coast. After reaching California they sold their stock and soon returned by way of the isthmus, which they crossed by rail. They then bought steamer tickets for New York but encountering very severe weather during the voyage they left the ship at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, proceeded thence to Baltimore and on home. On again reaching Hancock county Mr. Gillham purchased the old homestead farm from his father and resided there continuously until March 15, 1906, when he purchased a residence in Warsaw, where he is now living retired. He still, however, owns three hundred and eighty-four acres of valuable farming land, of which one hundred and eighty-three acres lies in Wythe township.

On the 5th of January, 1858, Mr. Gillham was married to Sarah Woodworth, who was born in Rocky Run township, this county, a daughter of Hiram and Polly (Glenn) Woodworth, natives of

Kentucky. The children born of this marriage are: Charles M., who was born in December, 1858, and died in February, 1875; Belle, the wife of Isaac Baker, of Wythe township; Elizabeth, who was born August 22, 1862, and died November 11, 1873; Emma died in infancy; and Ida, at home.

Mr. Gillham is a stalwart democrat and has been honored with the various township offices, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity, indicative of his loyal and patriotic citizenship. He is a self-made man whose prosperity is justly attributed to his own labors and perseverance. He has had an interesting and varied life in many ways, owing to his journeys across the plains ere the building of railroads and his residence upon the Pacific coast during the days of early mining excitement. While living more quietly in Hancock county he has made a creditable record as a business man, whose close application and unremitting attention to his interests have been the source of a gratifying success.

In 1890 Mr. Gillham and his wife took another trip to the Pacific coast, taking in Washington, Oregon and California, visiting with relatives in all of those states, going by Northern Pacific and returned by Southern Pacific. They were gone all winter.

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#### WILLIAM ROSWELL FAIRCHILD.

William Roswell Fairchild is a factor in business circles in Warsaw, where

he has lived for years, and where he is dealing in coal. He was born eleven miles east of Cleveland, Ohio, on the 23d of January, 1840, and is a son of Levi and Dierdama (Barber) Fairchild, who, when their son was a lad of nine years, removed from Ohio to Augusta, Hancock county, Illinois. There the father purchased eighty acres of land and began farming, making his home upon that place until his death, which occurred in 1869. His wife also died on the old homestead property in the winter of 1897-98.

It was at Augusta that Mr. Fairchild acquired his education in the subscription and the free schools. He was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed continuously until twenty-two years of age, when he put aside all business and personal considerations, and on the 7th of August, 1862, offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company H, Seventy-second Illinois Infantry at Augusta. With others he was sent to fill out a regiment at Chicago, where he was mustered into service. He did active duty at Vicksburg, Nashville, Franklin, Mobile and Champion Hills. At the last he saw the ground covered with the bodies of the slain, charge after charge being made, the fight lasting for hours, continuing with undetermined ferocity. The regiment to which he belonged was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, subsequently to the Army of the Cumberland and afterward to the Department of the Gulf. When he had served for three years Mr. Fairchild was honorably discharged at Chicago and was mustered out at Vicksburg. He saw much arduous military services, and with

a creditable record as a soldier returned to his home.

Again making his way to Augusta, Mr. Fairchild remained there for eighteen months and then went to St. Louis, where he worked for the Pacific Railroad Company as car loader for a year and a half. In 1868 he came to Warsaw, where, in connection with his two brothers, he purchased a threshing outfit which they operated for three years, when he sold out. He then turned his attention to teaming and farming and for twenty-five years he was connected with the coal trade, handling both hard and soft coal, in which connection he has enjoyed a large business. His sheds are located at the Toledo, Peoria & Warsaw station and he has a capacity of one hundred cars of both kinds of coal annually.

Mr. Fairchild was married in St. Louis to Miss Anna D. Ruger, a daughter of Martin and Anna Ruger. While he is in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party he does not feel himself bound by party ties nor does he always vote for its candidates at local elections where no issue is involved. He is a member of the Grand Army post at Warsaw, in which he has held most of the offices, being sergeant-major at the present time. He is likewise connected with the Modern Woodmen camp at Warsaw, of which he was one of the organizers and for seven years he acted as presiding officer and has held several other offices therein. He is as loyal to his country in days of peace as in days of war and he made a most creditable record when on southern battlefields he followed the stars and stripes.

W. R. HARRIS.

Success is usually a criterion of individual ability and is certainly so in the case of Mr. Harris who, without special pecuniary or family advantages at the outset of his career, has worked his way steadily upward, making a business record which any man might be proud to possess. He has never made engagements that he has not filled or incurred obligations that he has not met, and thus he has won the respect and admiration of his fellowmen, while at the same time he has gained a goodly measure of prosperity and is now one of the large landowners of the county. He was born in Indiana in 1837, a son of John and Ruth (Aldridge) Harris, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of North Carolina. The father was a grain and lumber merchant and came to Illinois in 1844 settling in Schuyler county, while later he removed to Augusta, where he continued to deal in grain and lumber for ten or fifteen years prior to his death. In the family were nine children but only three are now living: Francis M., a resident of Augusta; Tabatha E., the wife of E. J. Sims, of Brookfield, Missouri; and W. R., of this review.

In the public schools of Schuyler county W. R. Harris acquired his education. He remained upon the home farm until he attained his majority, assisting in the work of field and meadow and then went to Colorado, where he engaged in mining. He afterward proceeded westward to Oregon, where he followed the same business and later he was in Idaho spending seven years altogether in the

west. On the expiration of that period he returned to Chili township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he resided for thirty years as a farmer and stock-raiser. During that period he made all of the improvements upon his farm but when three decades had passed he sold the home place. He still owns, however, between six and seven hundred acres of very rich and valuable land, from which he derives a most excellent income. His investments have been judiciously made and bring him therefore a good financial return. In 1904 he erected an elegant residence in the south part of Bowen and there he now resides. The home is modern in all of its appointments and is one of the most attractive dwellings of the town. Since that time Mr. Harris has lived retired and is enjoying in well merited rest the fruits of his former toil.

On the 31st of October, 1866, was celebrated the marriage of W. R. Harris and Miss Mary E. Hall, who was born in Virginia, in 1842, a daughter of Thomas and Edith (Martin) Hall, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father was a farmer by occupation and removed to Hancock county in 1851, settling in Augusta township. His political views endorsed the principles of democracy, and both he and his wife were active and devoted members of the Methodist church, in which he held various offices. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are living, namely: Louisa, the wife of Dr. Benjamin Thayer, of Kansas; Mrs. Harris; Bessie, the wife of Elijah Knotts, of Missouri; Miss Kate Hall, of Bowen; James W., who is living in Topeka, Kansas; Howard L., of

Bowen; Mrs. Lillie Callison, a widow, living in Kirksville, Missouri.

Mr. Harris holds membership with the Masonic fraternity and the Odd Fellows lodge in Bowen and has passed all of the chairs in the latter. He votes with the democracy but has never aspired to office and has served in no public positions of that character save that he was school director, and is a man who in all life's relations has commanded and enjoyed the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated. He has worked earnestly and persistently for what he has accomplished, and in the evening of his days is surrounded by all of the comforts that go to make life worth living. His friends entertain for him the warmest esteem because of his pleasant, jovial manner and those qualities which ever render any individual popular.

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#### LUCIAN W. CRAVENS.

Lucian W. Cravens, carrying on general farming in St. Mary's township, was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, in 1865, and is the youngest living of the seven children of James D. and Catheryn (Blackford) Cravens, who were likewise natives of Kentucky and members of the Presbyterian church, the former born January 24, 1829, and the latter May 15, 1831. In the spring of 1877 he became a resident of McDonough county, Illinois, where he died June 30, 1901, his remains being interred in St. Mary's cem-

etery. His wife had passed away in Kentucky, January 5, 1867, and was there laid to rest. Only five of their children are living: Josie, the wife of Robert Sacre, of Kentucky; Nannie, the widow of Silas Aubrey, living in Plymouth; Thomas, of Missouri; Bennie, wife of Henry Reans, of Christian county; and Lucian W. The last named was a youth of twelve years when brought by his father to Illinois, and in the schools of McDonough county he was educated. He remained with his father until seventeen years of age, after which he lived with his sister, Mrs. Aubrey, and worked upon the farm for some time. He made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage, in 1889, to Miss Phoebe Halbert, who was born in this county in 1871, a daughter of Silas and Loretta (Hobart). Halbert, the former born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1831, and the latter near Carthage, in 1835. Mr. Halbert was brought to Hancock county in 1834 and resided in Hancock township until a few years prior to his death, which occurred February 3, 1905. His wife died on the 5th of the same month and both were buried in St. Mary's cemetery. They were faithful members of the Baptist church and the latter was a representative of a prominent pioneer family of this part of the state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Halbert were born seven children: Mary, who died twenty-six years ago, when nineteen years of age; Helen, the wife of Robert Huey, a resident of Plymouth; Francis, who died in 1875, at the age of nine years; William, a Baptist minister living at Cascade, Iowa; Mrs. Cravens; Walter, who is living on the old homestead in St. Mary's

township; and an infant daughter who died unnamed. E. L. Hobart, a brother of Mrs. Cravens' mother, was a soldier of the Civil war from the beginning until its close. The Hobarts are a well known and prominent family of this county and Mrs. Polly Hobart, a great-aunt of Mrs. Cravens, is now living in Webster, and has reached the very venerable age of ninety-eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hobart were born in log houses and lived in a log cabin for long years after their marriage. They were thoroughly familiar with all of the experiences of pioneer life and the name is inseparably interwoven with the early history of the county.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cravens have been born five children and the family circle yet remains unbroken by the hand of death: Ruey, who was born September 13, 1890, and is now a student in Plymouth school; Homer, born June 16, 1892; Clara, October 21, 1895; Marion, February 17, 1898; and Leslie, March 20, 1901.

Following his marriage Mr. Cravens settled in Hancock township, where he lived for three years, and in 1893 he purchased seventy-seven acres on section 2, St. Mary's township, on which stood a brick residence. He has since erected a barn and other substantial outbuildings and has added nearly ninety acres to his home, thus making substantial and valuable improvements upon his farm. His efforts are devoted to the tilling of the soil and to stock-raising and he is meeting with a goodly measure of success in his undertakings. His political support is given to the democracy and he has served



as school director but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking. His wife and daughters are members of the Baptist church and they are well known in the community where they reside and where they have a host of warm friends.

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### JOHN D. KASER.

John D. Kaser, deceased, was born near Dubuque, Iowa, May 2, 1854, a son of John and Rosa (Bertschi) Kaser. Both parents were born in Switzerland and came to America when very young. The father engaged in merchandising in St. Louis and afterward at Dubuque, Iowa. His death occurred in St. Louis, where his remains were interred, while his wife was laid to rest in Appanoose township, Hancock county, where they resided for a time. In their family were seven children: Fred, now living in Kirksville, Missouri; William H., of Baring, Missouri; John D., of this review; Carrie L., the widow of John McBride, of Galesburg, Illinois; L. M., of Niota, Illinois; Theodore, of Adair county; and Rosa, the wife of James Mackey, of Summitville, Iowa.

With the exception of John D. Kaser all are yet living. His educational privileges were afforded by the public schools of Hancock county but were necessarily somewhat limited, owing to the fact that he was but a young lad at the time of his parents' death. The children were then scattered and he was reared by a farmer

in the southern part of Hancock county. When eighteen years of age he and his brother went to Missouri, where he engaged in farming for a number of years, but about 1875 or 1876 he returned to Hancock county and purchased a forty-acre farm in Appanoose township, where for some years he carried on general agricultural pursuits.

On the 23d of October, 1883, Mr. Kaser was married to Miss Hattie L. Cheadle, who was born in Pontoosuc township, Hancock county, October 26, 1864, a daughter of Richard and Phoebe (McKee) Cheadle. The father was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1821, and the mother near Cairo, Illinois, in 1832. In early manhood he was an engineer and in 1851 he bought land in Pontoosuc township. In politics he was a democrat and served in some township offices and at all times he was loyal and progressive in citizenship. For over thirty years he was a faithful member of the Masonic fraternity and exemplified in his life the principles of brotherly kindness and mutual helpfulness upon which the craft is based. Both he and his wife in their younger years were members of the Methodist church, but in later years were members of the Christian church. His death occurred in Pontoosuc township, February 12, 1899, and his remains were interred there. In the family were five children. Joseph R. Cheadle, the eldest, was born April 15, 1858, and is living in Salem, Marion county, Illinois. He married Ida M. Abise and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Leon, Harry, Thomas, Mary and William. Charles B. Cheadle, the second of the family, was

born May 9, 1862, and is a lawyer of prominence living in Joliet, Illinois. He married Miss Elizabeth Ruple and has three children, Genevieve, Charles and Richard. Hattie L. Cheadle, born October 26, 1864, is now the widow of John D. Kaser. Dr. Clarence M. Cheadle, born August 27, 1869, is a capable physician and surgeon of Ashton, Illinois. He married Miss Maggie McCormick and his six children—Genevieve, Clarence, Gertrude, Mildred, Harold and Grace. Thomas A. Cheadle, of Lockport, Illinois, was born July 11, 1871, and has for some years been editor and proprietor of one of the leading newspapers of that place. He married and has three children, Bruce, Arthur and Anna May.

Richard Cheadle, father of Mrs. Kaser, was twice married. His first union was with Miss Hanna Coleman, who died September 25, 1856, leaving four children who were reared by his second wife. These are as follows: S. R., who was born April 3, 1847, lives in Ottumwa, Iowa, and is married and has four children, Clarence, Albert, Corinne and Willard. George, born January 8, 1849, died July 28, 1885. Edwin F., born May 5, 1852, and now living at Niota, Illinois, where he is agent for the Santa Fe Railroad Company, married Miss Sarah Way and has eight children, Charles, Clarence, Mina, John, Elmer, Dora, Ruth and Frank. Mina, the youngest child of the father's first marriage, was born March 29, 1855, and died in early childhood. Thus Mrs. Cheadle, the mother of Mrs. Kaser, has reared a family of eight children, who are now a great joy and source of comfort to her in her old age. Her

sons are exemplary men, both in business and private life, not one of them ever using liquor or tobacco in any form. Mrs. Cheadle is an active and well preserved woman, very intelligent and kind-hearted. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Kaser, as does her invalid sister, Margaret, the widow of Henry A. Van Noy. They are the last survivors of a family of ten children, seven of whom reached adult age. Mrs. Van Noy had three sons, all of whom are deceased, but she has grandsons and great-grandsons in Ohio. Mrs. Cheadle has thirty-five grandchildren in all. Mrs. Cheadle, Mrs. Van Noy and Mrs. Kaser are all eligible to membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, for Mrs. Kaser's great-great-grandfather was a soldier in the war of independence under General Putnam and the father of Mrs. Cheadle was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Kaser lived for two and a half years in Appanoose township and then removed to a farm in Scotland county, Missouri, where Mr. Kaser was successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising there on the 6th of January, 1896, and his remains were interred in a cemetery in that county. He was a citizen of substantial worth and was entirely a self-made man, for at an early age he was thrown upon his own resources by the death of his parents. He was not a politician, but he was ready to assist in furthering the political principles in which he believed and he stood at all times for progressive citizenship. He was a devoted husband, kind father and true friend and in his household his death caused a great vacancy.

His good name and his upright acts will stand as a monument to his memory for years to come. He held membership in the Christian church, of which his wife is also a devoted member. Unto them had been born six children, all of whom are yet living. Olive M., born August 6, 1885, in Appanoose township, is a graduate of the high school of Dallas and now a student in Knox Conservatory of Music of Galesburg, Illinois. Rose B., born October 29, 1886, in Scotland county, Missouri, is a student in Dallas high school. Everett D., born August 12, 1888, in Missouri, is also attending the high school. Elmer L., born in Missouri, July 23, 1890, is likewise a high school student. Nellie, born in Missouri, March 20, 1894, is pursuing her education in Dallas; and John D., born in Pontoosuc township, July 16, 1896, is attending the city schools.

In the fall following her husband's death Mrs. Kaser returned to Hancock county and purchased a good home one mile west of Dallas City adjoining the city limits. Here she has thirty-five acres of land on which she has erected a handsome residence which she has improved, making it one of the most attractive suburban homes of Dallas City. She still owns the farm in Missouri and a house which she rents in Dallas. She possesses excellent business ability and executive force and is one of the sterling women of Dallas, of keen mental strength, capable and enterprising. She is giving her children excellent educational advantages and in addition to this she is caring for her mother and her aunt. All who know her esteem her for her many excellent

traits of character and she certainly deserves much credit for what she is accomplishing in the home circle.

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### JOSHUA COCHRAN.

Joshua Cochran, owner of the old Cochran homestead in Wythe township, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Westmoreland county, on the 10th of March, 1849. He is a son of James Cochran, and a grandson of John Cochran, and a representative of one of the early families of the Keystone state. James Cochran was born, reared and married in Westmoreland county, the lady of his choice being Nancy Elder, a native of the same county and a daughter of John Elder. He engaged in the manufacture of salt in Pennsylvania for a number of years and eventually traded his business there for a farm in Missouri but never lived upon that place. About ten years later he traded his Missouri land for eighty acres and personal property in Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, which tract was situated about four miles from a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which had been given him by his father. In 1862 he came to his place in Bear Creek township, which at that time was partially improved, and he completed the work of development and cultivation, making his home thereon for some time. Later, however, he sold out there and removed to

Wythe township, purchasing one hundred and forty acres on section 16. This farm was equipped with good buildings and the land was well tilled. He had five sons and assisted each to become the owner of a farm in this locality. His life was characterized by unremitting diligence and thrift and he prospered in his work as the years went by. His death occurred in 1898, and his wife passed away in 1900, both reaching the advanced age of eighty years. Their children were: John, of Wythe township; James, of Elvaston; Caleb and Joshua, twins, the former living in Jacksonville, Illinois; William, of Boulder, Colorado; Eliza Jane, twin sister of William, and a resident of Hamilton, Illinois; Lucy, who is the widow of William Weyand and resides with her sister Eliza in Hamilton; and Newton, who died at the age of seven years.

Joshua Cochran early became familiar with the work of farming, planting and harvesting, as he assisted in the operation of the old homestead farm in the days of his boyhood and youth. He attended the district schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois, and on attaining his majority he started out in life on his own account, his father giving him eighty acres of partially improved land on section 21, Wythe township. About the first thing which he did was to build a barn for the shelter of hay and stock. He later erected a commodious residence of nine rooms and has since built an extensive barn forty by twenty-five feet with twenty-five feet posts. He has set out many trees and has thus beautified the place and there are various other accessories which add

to the value and attractive appearance of the farm. In 1891 he made purchase of eighty acres additional and afterward secured sixty acres more of the old homestead on section 16. He next bought one hundred and sixty acres adjoining on the south but afterward sold that property and then purchased the remainder of the old homestead—eighty acres. His is such a place as has won for Illinois its splendid reputation as one of the greatest farming states of the Union.

On the 22d of February, 1874, Joshua Cochran wedded Harriett Hill, who was born in Walker township, and acquired a district school education, while living with her parents, John and Julia A. (Hawkins) Hill, who were natives of England and Pennsylvania respectively. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cochran was celebrated in Wythe township and has been blessed with three children: John H., who was born October 4, 1875, and is living on the old homestead; James Ray, born August 4, 1884; and Ida Pearl, born in September, 1887.

The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian church of Wythe and since 1886 Mr. Cochran has continuously served as one of its elders, a fact which indicates his position in the church as a leading and helpful member. His political views are in accord with republican principles. Though he received some assistance in starting out in life he has continuously enlarged the scope of his business activity and has added to his property holdings until he is now one of the substantial agriculturists of his community, where he has so long resided, and where he is held in esteem.

## WILLIAM R. HAMILTON.

William R. Hamilton, one of the oldest residents of Carthage, was born in Johnstown, New York, November 5, 1829, a son of Artois and Atta (Bentley) Hamilton. The father was born in Tolland, Massachusetts, August 15, 1795, and spent his early boyhood there, after which he removed to Johnstown, New York. He was married in Mayfield, a suburb of Johnstown, to Miss Atta Bentley, a daughter of Elisha Bentley. While residing in the Empire state Mr. Hamilton engaged in the tanning business and was also a raftsman on the river. He came west in 1835, reaching Carthage on the 14th of August of that year, driving across the country with horse teams. Here he opened the first tavern in the place and he owned and operated two large farms in the county. In his little hostelry he entertained many of the prominent men of that day, including Abraham Lincoln. He conducted his hotel from 1835 until 1851 and afterward concentrated his energies upon agricultural pursuits. He lost his wife during the cholera epidemic in 1851, her death occurring on the 18th of July of that year, while he survived until July 4, 1873.

William R. Hamilton, being brought to Illinois in his early boyhood days, completed his education in a private school for the public school system had not been established at that time. When he put aside his text-books he became his father's assistant in his farming operations and later he began farming on his own account. He married Miss Martha H. Miller on the 8th of June, 1854. Her

parents, Warren and Phoebe (Strong) Miller, came to this county in 1846 from Adams county, Illinois, but their home was originally in Elmira, New York.

It was subsequent to his marriage that he was elected sheriff on the Democratic ticket in 1858 for a two years' term. The law at that time did not permit of re-election. His duties were very arduous, owing to the events that followed the panic of 1857. He continued to serve until December, 1860, and then retired to his farm, where he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits for more than two decades. In 1882, however, he sold his property and went to the west, making his way to Oregon, Washington and other places on the Pacific coast. After a few months, however, he returned to Hancock county and purchased a home in Carthage. About that time Mr. Ferris died and Mr. Hamilton was elected as his successor in the office of magistrate, which position he filled for ten years. In 1893 he was appointed under Grover Cleveland to the position of postmaster of Carthage, which position he filled for four years and during his incumbency the business of the office was largely increased. It was just at the close of his term that the government plans were changed and the postoffice room was provided. Since his retirement from office Mr. Hamilton has engaged in no active business pursuits but has enjoyed a well earned rest.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children, who still live, three having died in childhood: Willard C., who is now in the National Bank; Ida, at home; and Herbert, who is an under-

taker. The family attend and support the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Hamilton is a member. Mr. Hamilton belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a past master, having been the first worshipful master in the lodge at Hancock. He was made a Mason here in 1852 and he took the Royal Arch degree in Stapleton chapter in Rushville in 1853, afterward serving for ten years as its high priest in Carthage Chapter No. 33. In 1877 he became a member of Carthage council, Scottish Rite Mason, and in 1884 attained the Knight Templar degree in Almoner commandery. He has been associated with business, political and fraternal interests in the county and for more than the allotted psalmist's span of three score years and ten has been a resident of the state, watching with interest its progress and development and doing much to assist in its upbuilding. Few have longer resided in the county and none are more familiar with events which have shaped its history and molded its policy than William R. Hamilton, who at all times has been regarded as one of the most prominent, valued and influential citizens here.

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#### J. B. MONROE.

J. B. Monroe, a prosperous merchant of Powellton, where he is engaged in dealing in all kinds of agricultural imple-

ments, vehicles, etc., is a native son of Hancock county, his birth having occurred in Appanoose township, March 1, 1862. His parents, Martin and Marguerite (Fitzgerald) Monroe, were both natives of Ireland, the former born in Tuam, County Galway, in 1829, while the mother's birth occurred at Limerick, in 1831. The father, a stonemason by trade, left the fatherland in 1851, and upon landing in New York, at once made his way to Wisconsin, where he remained until 1855, when he went to Fort Madison, Iowa, and there worked at his trade. On the 4th of June, 1860, he was married in that city to Mrs. Marguerite Stack, who had emigrated from the fatherland to Keokuk, Iowa, in 1852, and in 1856 was there married to James Stack, whose death occurred in 1858. By that marriage one son survives, James Stack, who resides in Sonora township, this county. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Stack then removed to Fort Madison, Iowa, and as stated was there married to Martin Monroe, the father of our subject. The parents then removed to a farm in Appanoose township, and in 1870 the father purchased a farm of two hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 11. He developed and cultivated the property and erected all of the buildings thereon, including many substantial outbuildings, and a fine home containing ten rooms, and costing twenty-two hundred dollars. He was a staunch democrat in his political views. In 1864 he enlisted for service in the Civil war, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, being honorably discharged at the close of hostilities, when he returned to his home and

there spent his remaining days, his death occurring November 20, 1896, while his wife had passed away September 15, 1888.

J. B. Monroe is the eldest of three sons and two daughters born of his father's family, but of this number one son and a daughter are now deceased: Henry, who died in 1896, at the age of thirty-three years, and Mary, who passed away May 3, 1887, when twenty-one years of age. One brother, George, who was born June 4, 1868, makes his home with our subject.

Mr. Monroe acquired his education in the public schools at Powellton, and remained with his parents on the homestead farm until September, 1884, when he went to Sheridan county, Nebraska, and took up a homestead claim of one hundred and sixty acres, and remained on the place until January 16, 1890, since which time he has rented the land. At that time he again returned to Hancock county and rented his father's farm, which he operated for a few years, but in 1895 he took up his abode in the village of Powellton, where he has since successfully conducted a business enterprise, dealing in agricultural implements, the Deering harvesters, vehicles of all kinds and grass seeds, and the business has now increased from six thousand dollars to from twenty-six thousand to thirty thousand dollars, which indicates the careful management and executive ability of the owner.

On the 16th of August, 1892, Mr. Monroe was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Ewing, who was born in Carthage township, where she acquired her early

education, while later she attended school in the city of Carthage for two terms. Her parents, James and Angeline (McKee) Ewing, are natives of Ohio and Virginia respectively.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and three daughters, namely: Morris E., Catherine A., Helen, Henry, Louis, Geneva, Leslie and John B., Jr. In his political views Mr. Monroe is a staunch democrat and held the office of collector of Sonora township for one term, while for three years he served as school trustee. He is a communicant of the Catholic church at Nauvoo.

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#### JAMES OGDEN.

James Ogden, now practically living retired on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Sonora township, is a native of Lancashire, England, his birth having there occurred March 30, 1828. His father, Dennis Ogden, died in England, and following his demise the mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Madder, emigrated with her children to the United States, landing in Nauvoo, May 22, 1842. In their family were three sons and two daughters, of whom our subject is the eldest, the others being: Samuel, a resident of California; Sarah, the widow of Cord Bradley, residing near Davis City, Iowa; Ann, the wife of Mathias Wellington, of Parsons, Kansas; and William, a resident of Leon, Iowa. After coming to this state the

mother of these children was again married, her second union being with George Nelson, by whom she had two sons, John and Joseph, the latter being in the bank at Nauvoo. Her death occurred in 1850.

James Ogden remained with his mother until the time of her second marriage, when, in 1843, he went to Schuyler county, this state, where he was employed by Squire Dron at farm labor for six years, and he always made that place his home until the time of his marriage. In 1850, in company with Erasmus Cady and a Mr. Taylor, he made the overland trip to California, the journey requiring three months. He remained at Hangtown, now Placerville, fifty miles southeast of Sacramento, and was there employed until 1854, when he started on the return trip, traveling by way of the Nicaragua route to New York, from which city he returned to Nauvoo, where he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land, located on section 5, Sonora township, only a quarter of which had been cleared, while the remainder was covered with its native growth of timber. On the place had been erected five cottages, in which the Mormons had lived. Here Mr. Ogden took up his abode, remaining on the place until 1855, when he made a second trip, to the Pacific coast, traveling by way of the isthmus of Panama. He was in various places during his sojourn in the west but made his headquarters at St. Louis, in Sierra county, California. After remaining in the west for a year he again started on his homeward journey, traveling by way of the isthmus route to New York city, where he boarded a railroad train

for St. Louis, Missouri, from which city he traveled by steamer to Nauvoo.

On the 7th of March, 1859, Mr. Ogden was united in marriage to Miss Frances E. Risse, who was born in Baden, Germany, a daughter of Lawrence and Wilhelmina Risse. He took his bride to his farm and then for the third time made his way to the west, making the overland journey with mule team, his destination being Walla Walla, Washington, where he and a Mr. Dovenspeck went into the mountains and there engaged in the manufacture of shingles and clapboards, but for this work they were never compensated, and they then went into the gold mines. In the meantime they had disposed of their mules and purchased ponies, tools, etc. At one time during their journey in the far west the two men were compelled to travel through snow to the depth of four feet. They disposed of their ponies March 20, 1863, and Mr. Ogden there entered a claim, on which he remained for six months, and then disposed of it to good advantage. He then purchased two ponies and in company with fifteen others started on the return trip to Illinois. While traveling over the plains he got lost and was forced to lie out two nights, but finally made his way to Fort Boise, where he remained four days, and replenished his stock of supplies and then continued on the journey, arriving home in September, 1863. In January, 1864, Mr. Ogden made another trip to the west, this time traveling by rail to New York, where he boarded a steamer and made his way to San Francisco, and from there went to St. Louis.



in Sierra county, where he worked on some of his old claims, and returned home in the early fall of the same year, and once more resumed farming on his own property. He engaged in farming and stock-raising for a number of years, but is now practically living retired, leaving the actual work of the farm to his son, James L.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and one daughter: Eliza, the wife of Joseph Weber, of Sonora township; James L., who operates the homestead farm; Samuel, a resident of Nauvoo; William, of Seattle, Washington; Bernard, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Levi, a resident of Jacksonville, Illinois. In his political views Mr. Ogden is a democrat, and has served as highway commissioner and school director, while he has filled the office of deputy sheriff for several terms. He is a Mason, and held membership with the Blue lodge at Nauvoo until the lodge was discontinued.

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#### WALLACE DIVER.

Wallace Diver, postmaster at Dallas City, was born May 19, 1876, in Henderson county, Illinois, a son of Murray W. and Elizabeth M. (Hazen) Diver. The father was born in Illinois and the mother in Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation and always carried on agricultural pursuits in Henderson county. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for active service in the Twenty-eighth Illinois Infantry, with which he

was connected for three years. He was unable to do much work after this great conflict, his health having been impaired through his military experience and he died in 1870. His wife passed away April 10, 1894, and both were buried in Henderson county cemetery. Mrs. Diver was a member of the Methodist church. In their family were four children, of whom three are now living. The eldest, Celia, married Lewis Moore and died April 1, 1900, leaving four children, who live with their father in Henderson county, Illinois. Amanda is the wife of Felix Shain, of the state of Washington, and they have one daughter. Wallace is the next of the family. Clayton Diver is a farmer in Idaho.

Wallace Diver acquired his early education in what is known as the Tiwappity school in Dallas precinct, Henderson county, Illinois, and afterward attended school in Missouri, while for a time he was a high school student in Stronghurst, Illinois. He remained with his widowed mother until about sixteen or seventeen years of age, when he began to provide for his own support by working as a farm hand on various farms in Hancock county spending four or five years in Durham township. He afterward operated his brother-in-law's farm in Henderson county for one year, after which he spent a year as a fireman in the employ of the Big Four and the Santa Fe Railroad companies. On the 21st of August, 1901, he began carrying the rural mail from Dallas City and was thus engaged for two and a half years, or until November 14, 1903, when he was appointed to a position in the postoffice in Dallas City. On the 1st of

April, 1905, he received the appointment to the position of postmaster and is now acting in that capacity. Since that time the postoffice has been moved to the new building, corner of Oak and Second streets, where he installed a thoroughly modern equipment throughout and also has two rural routes.

Mr. Diver was married June 4, 1902, to Miss Lillie May Hull, who was born in Mineral county, West Virginia, in 1878, a daughter of J. O. and Jennie (Arnold) Hull, of Dallas, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Her father was engaged in farming in the Old Dominion for many years and came to Hancock county about twenty years ago, here carrying on general agricultural pursuits until 1905, when he retired and removed to Dallas. He served in the Civil war. In his political views he is a republican and for many years was sheriff of Mineral county, Virginia. He has been a school director of this county for the past ten years and has been road supervisor. He and his wife attend the Methodist church, of which Mrs. Hull is a member. They have had five children: Lulu, the wife of Charles Rice, a resident farmer of Durham township; William, living in Durham township; Mrs. Lillie Diver; Guy, a resident of Dallas; and Nina, who is at home with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Diver have one son, Iris J., who was born in Dallas, October 11, 1903. Their home is on Fifth street, where they have a nice residence which he purchased two years ago. In his political views he is an earnest republican and is proving a capable and efficient officer. His energy, ambition and determi-

nation have enabled him to work his way steadily upward and though he started out in life empty-handed when about sixteen years of age, he is now one of the substantial residents of Dallas City, respected by all for what he has accomplished and the place he has made for himself.

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#### SAMUEL P. MCGAW.

Samuel P. McGaw, now living a retired life at his pleasant home in Elvas-ton; was for many years actively identified with farming interests in Hancock county and his record is also commendable from the fact that he rendered valued aid to his country in the Civil war and as a public officer—in the position of county sheriff—he has ably represented his community. A native of South Carolina he was born in Abbeville on the 5th of October, 1827, and when only five years of age was taken by his parents to Ohio. A year later the family came to Illinois, settling first at Oquawka, Henderson county, Illinois, where Mr. McGaw remained until the death of his father and mother, John and Agnes (McGaw) McGaw. Both were natives of South Carolina, the former born September 20, 1801, and the latter on the 21st of September, 1803. The father was a carpenter and millwright and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred on an island a short distance from Oquawka on the 30th of June, 1838. His wife passed away on the 7th of July of

the same year, so that they were separated for only about a week by death. They were members of what was then known as the Associate Reform church, now the United Presbyterian church.

Samuel P. McGaw is the only member of the family now living in Hancock county. He acquired his education in the common schools of Henderson county, Illinois, and worked on farms in the neighborhood while still in his teens. Under the direction of an uncle he afterward learned the tailor's trade in Oquawka and was there engaged in business for several years. Before he attained his majority he purchased the business of the man for whom he was working and conducted a tailoring establishment on his own account. While thus engaged he was elected sheriff of Henderson county in 1852 and served for two years. Following his retirement from the office he purchased a tract of land in that county, where he carried on farming until 1866, save for the period of his service in the Civil war. In the year mentioned he sold his property in Henderson county and came to Hancock county and purchased a farm adjoining the village of Elvaston, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for more than twenty years, or until about 1888, when he took up his abode in the village, where he has since resided. In all of his farm work he was thoroughly practical and enterprising, keeping in touch with lines of modern progress, and through his capable direction and enterprise won the competence that now enables him to live retired.

His business interests, however, were

interrupted by active service in the Civil war, for in August, 1862, in response to the country's call, Mr. McGaw enlisted as a member of Company K, Eighty-fourth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until 1864. He took part in the battle of Stone River and was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga, being honorably discharged on the 25th of February, 1864, on account of injuries he had sustained. He was then sergeant of his company.

When the war was over Mr. McGaw returned to his farm and resumed his farming operations. He had been married on the 14th of October, 1851, to Miss Elvira J. Hopkins, a daughter of Isaac and Jane (Kinkade) Hopkins, early settlers of Henderson county, Illinois. Mrs. McGaw died April 5, 1855, leaving two children, but the younger, John H., who was born December 25, 1853, survived the mother until the 2d of October, 1855. The daughter, Sarah L., is now the wife of Thomas J. Ruddell, of Elvaston, and they have one child, Clarence M., who was born in Elvaston. Mr. McGaw married for his second wife Mrs. Elizabeth McGaw, nee Leslie, who died at their home in Elvaston, November 6, 1904. There were eight children born of that marriage. Alexander F., the eldest, now a Presbyterian minister at Keokuk, Iowa, married Jane Millar and has four children, Agatha, Lelia, Frances and Foster. James W. McGaw, a farmer residing in Prairie township, Hancock county, wedded Nettie Puntenney and has two daughters, Leota and Grace. Alice Leslie McGaw is the wife of George J. Hersman, a farmer of Hersman, Illinois, and their

children are Frank, Bessie E., Ernest G. and Gladys E. Hersman. Albert G. McGaw, a missionary of the Presbyterian church now stationed at Etah, India, where he has been for eleven years, married Ella Hersman and they have three children, Miriam, Wilbert and Gordon. Mary Agnes McGaw is the wife of Rev. J. Albert Miller, a missionary of the Presbyterian church stationed at Pautingfu, China, and has four children, Zenos, Ralph, Porter and Paul Miller. Clara and Clarence, twins, are deceased. Grace E., the youngest member of the McGaw family, is the wife of D. W. Lyon, of Shanghai, China, who was sent to that country as a missionary by the Young Men's Christian Association and has there remained for eleven years. They have four children, David, Scovel, Jean and Lawrence. The second wife of Mr. McGaw had one child by her first husband, Malissa McGaw, now the wife of Rev. R. J. Pressley, who was a minister of the Presbyterian church and died leaving three children, Lorena, John W. and Estella E.

Mr. McGaw is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he is a stalwart republican and in 1870 was appointed census taker for the west half of Hancock county. He was also supervisor of Prairie township for two terms and under the Harrison administration was appointed postmaster of Elvaston. Following the interval of the Cleveland administration he was again appointed postmaster and served from that time until he resigned in 1905, since which time he has had no business nor official connections. He is a member

of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as elder. His life has been actuated by high and honorable principles and worthy motives leading to just treatment of his fellowmen in all business and social relations and at the same time displaying those kindly and considerate qualities which rise above mere justice. His business career is another exemplification of the fact as stated by a German philosopher that "Merit and success go linked together."

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#### FRED REYER.

Fred Reyer, who is engaged in the plumbing and steam-heating business in Carthage, was born in Hamilton, Hancock county, on the 7th of May, 1861. His parents were natives of Germany and came to America in early life, settling first in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence they afterward removed to Pike's Peak, Colorado, and subsequently to Keokuk, Iowa. First they made their way to Hamilton and in 1862 came to Carthage. The father was a hardware merchant, in which business he continued until his death, which occurred in Carthage in 1892, his remains being interred in the Carthage cemetery. He was one of the pioneer Odd Fellows of this section of the state and passed all of the chairs in the local lodge. Both he and his wife were devoted members of the German Lutheran

church, in which he served as trustee for many years. His widow still survives at about the age of seventy-two years and is yet quite active, her home being in Carthage with her daughter. In the family were six children: Anna Reyer, who lives with her mother; Fred, of this review; Henry, deceased; Herman A., of Denver, Colorado; Edward, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; and Augustus, who died in infancy.

Fred Reyer was educated in the public schools of Carthage, his family removing from Hamilton to this city when he was but a year old. He afterward learned the tinner's trade here, his father being engaged in the hardware and tinsmith business as a member of the firm of Scholl & Reyer. The son remained with that house for seventeen years and in 1892 embarked in business on his own account as a dealer in plumbing and heating apparatus. He takes contracts for installing such plants and has done excellent work in all parts of this and adjoining counties, placing bath room fixtures, hot air plants and general plumbing. He has been very successful since beginning business and has a liberal patronage, his trade growing annually, for his reliability and enterprise are recognized by the general public.

In September, 1885, occurred the marriage of Mr. Reyer and Miss Sarah Conklin, who was born in Carthage, Illinois, in 1865, a daughter of Elliott and Laura (Little) Conklin, both of whom were natives of Tennessee. They came to Illinois at an early day and for a number of years the father conducted a brickyard in Carthage. He was a republican but with-

out political aspiration. His wife was an earnest and untiring worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which she held membership and she also belonged to the Woman's Relief Corps. Both Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have passed away, their remains being interred in the Carthage cemetery. They had a family of nine children: Viola, the wife of George McClintock, of Carthage, Illinois; Henry, deceased; David C., of Hamilton, Illinois; Elizabeth, the widow of George E. Johnson, who was a lawyer, practicing at the Chicago bar; Mrs. Sarah Reyer; Mary, deceased; Sidney E., who is living in Butte, Montana; Dr. B. A. Conklin, a dentist of Chicago; and Mabel, the wife of Rex Goodrich, of Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Reyer have two children, both born in Carthage, namely: H. L., who was born in October, 1886, and assists his father in his office; and Elizabeth L., who was born in September, 1895, and is now in school.

In his political views Mr. Reyer is a republican and has served as tax collector. Fraternally he is a Mason and Odd Fellow, a member of the Modern Woodmen camp, the Court of Honor and the Tribe of Ben Hur and Knights of Pythias. In the Odd Fellows lodge he has passed all of the chairs. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as a trustee. In September, 1904, he erected an elegant modern residence on Main street and has a very happy home. In addition to this property he owns a business lot in Carthage and a farm in Carthage township. He began life on his own responsibility at the age of seventeen years and without

pecuniary assistance has labored earnestly and consecutively until he has now accumulated a comfortable competence, his business supplying him with a gratifying income. He has been chief of the fire department of Carthage for the past fifteen years and is actively interested in progressive public measures, withholding his support from no movement that is calculated to benefit the community or any feasible plan that promises substantial advancement. He is jovial by nature, warm-hearted and genial and at all times his life is actuated by high and manly principles.

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#### ETIENNE CABET.

Etienne Cabet was born in Dijon Department, Cote d' Orr, France, January 1, 1788. His father was a cooper by trade. The son acquired a liberal education in his native country, and in 1825 went to Paris, where he was a leader in democratic investment. He was a member of the Carbonaris secret society, and was an active participant in the revolutionary movement of 1830, after which he was appointed provincial general in Corsica. In 1834 he was elected deputy in the lower chamber but his opposition was so intense that it could not be tolerated by the leaders and he was given his choice of two years in prison or five years exile, and choosing the last he went to England, where he studied various books and languages, and in 1840 wrote the volume entitled "Voyage to Icaria." In

1841 he published a paper, the *Populaire*, in which he brought his theory before the public. In 1846 he asked permission of the French government to appoint his theory to practice in France but this being denied him, in 1848, he made a proposition to his followers to emigrate to the United States, which company numbered more than six hundred thousand although he had supposed he could get a million. Having obtained a concession of one million acres of land in Texas, on the 17th of January, 1848, he announced that state to be the place of their settlement, and on the 3d of February following, sixty-nine men volunteered to emigrate to this country and under the leadership of Gouhenant, who was appointed by Cabet, the company started. Gouhenant, however, proved to be a traitor. While he was ill letters were found in his trunk which proved him to be a member of the Society of Jesus. His head was then shaved and he was driven away, after their arrival at New Orleans, on the 27th of March. The second advance left France, June 3, 1848. The first company that had come to the United States then went to Sulphur Prairie, where they obtained ten thousand, two hundred and forty acres of land instead of one million acres; and there they remained for four months but in the meantime all became ill and retreated to Shreveport, Louisiana, where they met the second advance. Cabet embarked from France December 15, arriving in New Orleans the following January with the first company of women and children. They sent a commission up the Mississippi river, and found that Nauvoo had been deserted by

the Mormons, so Cabet's followers decided to locate here, the date of their arrival being March 15, 1849. A branch was then started at Corning, Iowa. In 1850 they began rebuilding the Mormon temple but after three days the country was visited by a hurricane, which destroyed the north wall of the temple, this being on the 28th of June of that year. The building of the structure was then discontinued. In 1855 Cabet made his famous proposition for a president for four years but he was defeated by J. B. Gerard, who became the president. Cabet, however, succeeded in his contest after a long struggle. He later left Nauvoo and went to Chettenham. In 1852 Cabet was back in France to answer an accusation of embezzlement by some of his members who had returned to that country but he was vindicated and again returned to this country. He passed away in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856, his death being occasioned by a stroke of apoplexy. He was the author of several works, including, "The History of the French Revolution," published in five volumes, "True Christianita," "Voyage in Icaria," "Social Contact," "Twelve Letters to a Communist," and several others.

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#### REV. JOHN STAHL.

Rev. John Stahl, one of the early settlers of Hancock county, who for many years has been active in the ministry of the United Brethren church but for two

years has lived retired, was born near Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1820. He has therefore passed the eighty-fifth milestone on life's journey and in the evening of his days can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear, because his life has been permeated by the highest principles and has been characterized by many good deeds and by untiring devotion to the welfare of his fellowmen.

His parents, Jacob and Jane (Melloy) Stahl, were also natives of the Keystone state and the mother died in Pennsylvania, after which the father married again and removed to Iowa, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. He always devoted his energies to farming and thus provided for his family. He was a man of strong temperance views and gave his political support to the Prohibition party.

Rev. Stahl of this review spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native state and acquired his education in the public schools of his home town. When seventeen years of age he entered mercantile life as a clerk in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and afterward engaged in merchandising on his own account in that city until 1854, when, believing that he might have better business opportunities in the west, he came to Illinois, taking up his abode near Fowler, in Adams county, where he purchased eighty acres of land. The tract was uncultivated and he placed all of the improvements upon it, making a good home there for himself and family. He resided

upon that property until the spring of 1870 and was engaged in general farming, while frequently on Sundays he preached the gospel, continuing an active and earnest worker in the United Brethren church. In 1870 he removed to Fowler, Adams county, and while living there was pastor of the United Brethren church, situated a short distance from the town. He continued at that town until 1873, when he removed to Elmwood, in Peoria county, and was presiding elder of the district, making his home there for about eight years. In 1883 he took up his abode in Augusta, where he has resided continuously since and during much of this time has engaged in preaching. Here he built a home for himself and family and during the past few years has lived a retired life.

It was in February, 1845, that Mr. Stahl was united in marriage at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, to Miss Anna Worman, who was born at that place, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Traxel) Worman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, born in Mount Pleasant, where they spent the greater part of their lives. The father died in the Keystone state and subsequent to that time the mother removed with her family to Illinois in 1850 and spent her last days in Hancock county. Unto Rev. and Mrs. Stahl were born three children, but only one is now living, Hanby, whose birth occurred in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in June, 1849. He was educated at Otterbein University, near Columbus, Ohio, and was for some years a teacher in the public schools of Illinois. Later he engaged in the drug

business in Fowler and afterward became proprietor of a general mercantile store. He was married July 30, 1878, to Miss Ella T. Thayer, who was born in Canton, Missouri, a daughter of David W. and Cynthia (Daniels) Thayer, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Indiana. Mrs. Thayer died at Canton, Missouri, while Mr. Thayer laid down his life on the altar of his country while serving as a soldier of the Civil war. He was with the army for some time and his death occurred during the latter part of the war. Hanby Stahl is now located at Golden, Adams county, Illinois, being a pharmacist for Hecox Brothers, of that place. Unto him and his wife have been born four children: Ida May, who died at the age of twenty years; Elmer Roy, who is a student in the Normal University at Bloomington, Illinois; Floyd M., a student in the Northwestern University at Chicago; and Myrtle S., who is a student in the high school at Augusta. The parents of these children are members of the United Brethren church. Wallace Melloy, the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Stahl, died at the age of four years, and Ida May, the only daughter, died at the age of twelve years and six months. She was born in Illinois and the other children in Pennsylvania.

Rev. Stahl is a prohibitionist in his political views. He is a most earnest advocate of the cause of temperance and has furthered its interests both by precept and example. In the work of the church he has been untiring and his zeal and devotion have contributed to the development of the churches with which he has been



connected. He stands today as one of the most respected and honored residents of the county and is also one of its most venerable citizens.

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#### DELOS L. CUTLER.

Delos L. Cutler, who started out in life on his own account at an early age has by energy, ambition and upright living succeeded in his undertakings and acquired a comfortable competence, is engaged in painting and paper-hanging in Carthage. He was born in Erie county, New York, in 1849, and several of his ancestors were soldiers of the Revolutionary war. His parents were Albert and Permelia (Hill) Cutler, both of whom were natives of the Empire state and came to Hancock county, Illinois, in the spring of 1869. Here Mr. Cutler opened a wagon-shop in Carthage, which he conducted for a number of years and was thus closely associated with the industrial interests of the city. He voted with the democracy and was township collector. In the family were five children, of whom two are now living: Howard Cutler, who is residing in Carthage, Illinois; and Delos, of this review. The parents still reside in the county seat where they have a wide acquaintance.

Delos L. Cutler was educated in the public schools and in a private institution of learning in New York, and learned the trade of carriage-making with his father in that state. He followed that pursuit

in the east and also during the early period of his residence in Carthage. He arrived in this city in 1868 and for more than thirty years has engaged in paper-hanging and painting, having a shop on the same lot on which his house stands. Thus almost his entire life has been devoted to his line of industrial activity and his excellent workmanship has secured him a liberal patronage, many of his patrons having given him their business support through a long period.

On the 23d of October, 1871, Mr. Cutler was married to Miss Laura Davies, who was born near Seven Mile, Ohio, a daughter of Elliott and Evelina (Scott) Davies, the latter a native of the Buckeye state. The father was a farmer by occupation and became an early settler of this county, making his way to Carthage in 1856. He owned a goodly tract of land inside the corporation limits of the city as well as considerable farming land outside, and he built the first grist mill in Carthage. For about twenty years he engaged in farming here, and in 1877 removed to Kansas, settling on a farm, where his death occurred, passing away at Kearney, Nebraska. His wife survived him for some time and both were buried in the cemetery at Kearney. In their family were ten children, of whom seven are now living: Elliott, residing in Emporia, Kansas; James, also of Emporia; Mary, the wife of Edward Jewett, of Kansas City, Missouri; Ella, of Pueblo, Colorado; Josephine, the wife of J. W. Crawford, of Carthage, Illinois; Aurelia, the wife of David Vance, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Mrs. Cutler. Isaac Davies, a brother of Mrs. Cutler, was a captain

in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry during the Civil war, and Samuel Davies, another brother, was a member of the Sixteenth Illinois Regiment.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have been born three children, all born in Carthage. Carena, who attended the high school and Carthage College, married Charles Owens, and lived in Johnson county, Iowa. She died about eight years ago and was buried in Moss Ridge cemetery. Neta is the wife of C. A. Weber, of Iowa City, Iowa, and has a son, Russell Lovell Weber. Ferrill, a musician of the Carthage Band, has taken a business course in the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, and assists his father in paper-hanging.

Mr. Cutler exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measure of the Republican party. He is a valued and prominent member of the Woodmen camp at Carthage, served as clerk for nine years and served as Venerable Counsel for three years. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Presbyterian church and for the past quarter of a century he has been secretary of the Sunday-school, doing all in his power to promote its interests, feeling the value of Christian education as a preparation for the youth in their life work. Both he and his wife are people of intelligence and culture, esteemed by all who know them. As the years have gone by his labors have been carefully directed and his position in business circles is an enviable one, owing to the unqualified trust reposed in him by all with whom he has become acquainted.

#### MORRIS JOHNSON LEE.

Among the prominent representatives of farming and stock-raising interests in Hancock county is classed Morris Johnson Lee, who is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred in Durham township, April 2, 1866. His paternal grandparents were Morris and Mary (Ryan) Lee, both of whom were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, while the maternal grandfather was Patrick Dunn. His parents, Patrick and Bridget (Dunn) Lee, were likewise natives of County Tipperary, Ireland, both born in 1840. They accompanied their respective parents to the United States and were married in New Haven, Connecticut, about 1860, where the father was employed as a machinist until the spring of 1864, at which time he took up his abode in Hancock county, locating on a farm in Durham township, where, two years later, he purchased fifty acres of timber land, situated on section 36. This he cleared and developed, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation, and as the years passed and his financial resources permitted, he added to the boundaries of his farm until he possessed two hundred and twenty acres in Durham township and one hundred acres in Pilot Grove township, of which seventy-two acres was prairie land when it came into his possession, but he placed it all under cultivation except about twenty-five acres, which is still covered with timber. He spent his remaining days on this farm, passing away May 3, 1905. He is still survived by his widow, who yet resides on the homestead farm.

Morris J. Lee, whose name introduces this record, is the second in order of birth in a family of three sons and four daughters. He acquired his early education in the district schools near his father's home, and later pursued a course of study for one year in the Macomb (Illinois) Normal College, thus being well fitted for the practical and responsible duties of life. He was early trained to the duties of field and meadow and his father benefited by his services until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when, ambitious to engage in business on his own account, he operated leased land for three years, this belonging to D. L. Dixon. At the end of that time, through his economy and careful management, he had saved capital sufficient to justify the purchase of land, and he therefore bought a tract of one hundred and sixty acres, situated on section 31, Durham township, of which forty acres was covered with timber, while the remainder was improved land. There were no buildings upon the place when he took possession of it, but Mr. Lee purchased a house which he removed to his farm, and has since added to and remodeled the house until it is now a modern and commodious country residence. In 1895 he erected a horse and hay barn, thirty-six by forty feet, but this was destroyed by fire in June, 1906. He likewise has various kinds of fruits, having about two acres devoted to horticulture. He has also set out many maple trees, thus furnishing shade around the home and adding to the attractive and neat appearance of the place. He is engaged in general farming, following only the most modern and practical methods in the pur-

suit of his labors. He engages quite extensively in stock-raising interests, having Percheron horses, shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs and Shropshire sheep, the latter being registered.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Lee chose Miss Teresa McGan, whom he wedded November 29, 1893. Her paternal grandparents are Patrick and Mary (Ryan) McGan, while the maternal grandparents are Richard and Bridget (Carens) Simmons. Mrs. Lee is a native of McDonough county, Illinois, while her parents, Michael and Catherine (Simmons) McGan, were born in County Roscommon, Ireland. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four sons and one daughter, of whom one son is deceased: Francis, who was born February 13, 1895; Charles, born February 26, 1896; Morris Earl, who was born April 2, 1898, and died on the 24th of the same month; Richard Harold, born October 1, 1901; and Teresa Helen, born December 30, 1904.

Mr. Lee is a democrat in his political views and affiliations, and since 1904 has filled the offices of school director and commissioner of highways, faithfully discharging the duties which devolve upon him in this connection.

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#### PHILIP PENCE.

Death often removes from our midst those whom we can ill afford to lose and such was the feeling of deep and uni-

form regret throughout Dallas City when the news of the demise of Philip Pence was received. Cut down in the prime of life when it seemed that many more years of usefulness were before him, he nevertheless left to his family a profitable business and an untarnished name. All who knew him respected him for his many strong traits of character, such as won for him the warmest regard and confidence. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Lycoming county on the 19th of November, 1833, his parents being John and Hannah (Pence) Pence. The parents were natives of the same county in Pennsylvania and came to the west in 1838, settling on a farm in Henderson county, when this section of the state was largely an unimproved district. They aided in subjugating the wilderness and in extending the frontier and as the years passed by Mr. Pence contributed in substantial measure to the agricultural development. He was a member of the Baptist church and passed away in Henderson county about fifty years ago. His wife long survived him, passing away in 1881. In their family were six children, three of whom are now living and with the exception of our subject all were born in Illinois. Those who still survive are: Robert, who lives near Lomax, Henderson county; Louisa, the wife of James Harwood, of Garrison, Iowa; and Annabel, the wife of Eli Pickering, of Kearney, Nebraska.

In the district schools of Henderson county, Illinois, Philip Pence was educated and after putting aside his textbooks he remained upon his father's farm until the latter's death, after which he con-

ducted the home place for many years. Subsequently he sold the home farm to his brother and removed to Kearney, Nebraska, where for four or five years he was successfully engaged in the grocery business. At the end of that time he disposed of his store and bought land in Marshall county, Kansas. In 1899 in connection with Mr. Lynberger he established the button factory in Dallas City, Illinois, and a year later by the purchase of his present interest became sole proprietor and removed to this city to make his home. In 1904 the button department and the finishing plant were consolidated and incorporated under the state law, the name of the Pence Button Company being assumed. In 1905 the stockholders sold out to Mr. Pence, who was the sole owner at the time of his death, and the enterprise is still owned by his widow. This plant has thirty machines in the cutting and ten in the finishing departments and furnishes employment to forty-five people, including a number of girls who work in the finishing department. Since the death of Mr. Pence the factory has been conducted by Mr. Tandy, the bookkeeper, and E. Harvey, son of Mrs. Pence, who is administrator of the estate.

On the 7th of November, 1900, Mr. Pence was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary E. Harvey, the widow of Thomas Harvey, of Lomax, Illinois, who in her maidenhood bore the name of Mary McDaniel and was born near Lomax in 1842. Her parents were Isaac and Margaret (Thompson) McDaniel, both natives of Ohio, whence they removed at an early day to Lomax, settling on a farm, on which they remained until called to

their final rest. They had five children but all are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Pence. In early womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Harvey, who was born in Lyncoming county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by occupation and dealt in grain and stock and also agricultural implements at Terre Haute, Indiana, and at Disco, Illinois, and in the latter part of his life, at Lomax, where he died December 28, 1888, his remains being interred in the cemetery there. In his fraternal relations he was a Mason. He left one son, Elsworth Harvey, who was born in Lomax in 1861, and married Miss Jennie Babcock, by whom he has two children, Bird and Tom, both at home with their parents. Mr. Harvey is a grain and implement dealer and since the death of Mr. Pence has acted as administrator of the estate. In 1900 Mr. Pence purchased an attractive home on Third street, where his widow still resides and she also owns the button factory.

Mr. Pence was largely a self-made man, winning success through his own efforts. He realized the value and force of untiring industry and close application as resultant factors in a business career and he worked persistently and energetically to establish a modern and prosperous business enterprise. He was exceptionally methodical, finishing up each day's work as though it was to be his last and in fact the end came very suddenly, for he passed away March 13, 1906, without previous illness. In politics he was a democrat but without aspiration for office and in the Masonic fraternity he became connected with the blue lodge and the

Order of the Eastern Star. He was a man who took great delight in doing good deeds and was ever considerate of the comfort and happiness of others. His integrity stood as an unquestioned fact in his career and no act of his was an infraction to this rule in the slightest degree. Plain in manner and unassuming in speech and dress, he had no fads, disliked sham and pretense but lived so as to enjoy the full respect and confidence of all by reason of the sterling traits of his character. At the time of his demise his remains were taken back to Lomax for interment. Dallas City mourned the loss of one of its representative men, for he had become an important factor in its industrial life and was also well known in connection with his support of many measures which had direct bearing upon the welfare and progress of the city. His best traits of character, however, were reserved for his family and his interests centered in his home. He was very devoted to his wife and theirs was largely an ideal married relation. Mrs. Pence has left to her the son of her first marriage, who is an enterprising business man, well-known in Dallas City. She also has many friends here and the hospitality of the best homes of the city is freely accorded her.

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MRS. JOSHUA S. WEATHERS.

Mrs. Joshua S. Weathers, residing in Augusta, was born in Morgan county, Illinois, on the 10th of November, 1833,

and is a daughter of Reuben and Betsey (Lake) Moore, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, whence they came to Illinois after their marriage. The father was a farmer and purchased a tract of land in Cass county, this state. Here he engaged in farming until his death, and placed all of the improvements upon his property. He had one hundred and sixty acres of land which he brought under a high state of cultivation. He passed away in 1839, at the age of fifty years, and his wife departed this life the previous year, both being laid to rest in Cass county. In their family were six children, only two of whom are now living: Precious, the widow of Joshua S. Weathers; and Elizabeth, the wife of Frederick Muntman, a farmer of Morgan county, Illinois.

Mrs. Weathers obtained her education in Morgan county, this state, and remained there until her marriage. On the 9th of November, 1851, she gave her hand in marriage to Joshua S. Weathers, who was born in Kentucky and when a small boy came to Illinois, casting in his lot among the early settlers of this state. He located in Morgan county, where he was educated and later engaged in farming there until 1864, when, in response to the country's call for aid, he enlisted as a member of Company K, Twenty-eighth Illinois Infantry, with which he served for three months, when, on the 28th of May, 1865, he passed away at Greenville, Louisiana, his death resulting from illness contracted at the front. He was thus about forty-five years of age and he gave his life as a ransom for the Union. His political allegiance was given

to the Republican party. He was devoted to the welfare of his family and was a man of many sterling traits of character, who enjoyed in high measure the regard and good will of those with whom he came in contact. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Weathers were born four children, of whom three are now living: Alice S., the wife of William Happy, who is clerk in a general mercantile establishment at Denver, Colorado, where they reside with their one daughter, Alma; Elizabeth J., who is clerk in Venable's dry goods store in Augusta; and John F., a teamster, residing in Galesburg. He wedded Mary Sward, of Augusta, and they have two children, Otto and Maegy. The eldest child of the family, Josephine, died when only three months old. All of the children except Alice were born in Morgan county, her birth having occurred in Brown county.

At the death of her husband, Mrs. Weathers was left with the care of her little family. She continued to reside in Morgan county for some time and thirty-two years ago came to Augusta, where she has since resided. She purchased a lot here and erected thereon a neat and pleasant residence, which she has since occupied. She has gained many warm friends during the period in which she has made her home here, possessing excellent traits of character which have endeared her to those with whom she has come in contact. In the rearing of her family and the management of her property interests she has displayed excellent business ability, executive force and sound judgment, and deserves much credit for what she has accomplished.

## WILLIAM J. WILKE.

William J. Wilke, engaged in agricultural pursuits in La Harpe township, where he owns fifty acres of land, situated on section 34, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, May 18, 1841, a son of John and Christine (Rechline) Wilke, who always remained in the fatherland and both are now deceased.

William J. Wilke, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the common schools of Germany and spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof. Starting out in life for himself, he went to Hamburg, where he was employed in a sugar refinery for a few years. He had heard favorable reports of the advantages and opportunities to be enjoyed in the United States, and, deciding to try his fortune in the new world, accordingly took passage on a sailing vessel bound for the new world, the year 1865 witnessing his arrival in New York. He at once made his way to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he was employed for two years in a sugar refinery. In the meantime his brother Carl had likewise come to America and the two brothers then made their way to Hancock county, and following the great fire of Chicago in the year 1871, our subject then made his way to that place, where he was employed in a lime kiln for two years, and for two years worked at that occupation in Burlington, Iowa, being employed by a Mr. Patterson. He then returned to Hancock county, locating in La Harpe township, where, in the spring of 1882, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Christina (Walter) Richter, the widow of Henry

Richter. By her first marriage she had become the mother of a son and two daughters: Lena, now the wife of Ed Moore, of Lomax, Illinois; John, of Avery, Iowa; and Christina, who died in infancy. Unto our subject and his wife have been born two sons: William, born February 16, 1883, and George, born in September, 1885, and both under the parental roof.

Following his marriage Mr. Wilke operated a farm of thirty acres, belonging to his wife, and he likewise cultivates a tract of forty acres adjoining, which is the property of his mother-in-law, while Mr. Wilke has since purchased fifty acres adjoining, which is situated on section 34, La Harpe township, and here he is carrying on general farming pursuits and raises stock to some extent. For the past few years, however, Mr. Wilke has suffered from rheumatism which has incapacitated him for hard labor, so that he merely gives supervision to his business interests, the work of the farm being left to his two sons, who are valuable assistants to him.

Mr. Wilke gives his political support to the Republican party, in the work of which he takes an active and helpful part. For four years he served as road commissioner, while for six years he filled the office of school director. He holds membership with the German Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he is deeply interested, having served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school and as a teacher therein for many years. Coming to America when a young man, ignorant of the manners and customs of the new world, he readily

adapted himself to the changed conditions herein found, soon acquired the English tongue, and eagerly availed himself of every opportunity for advancement, thus working his way up from a humble beginning to a position of affluence, and he is today classed among the highly esteemed German-American citizens of Hancock county.

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#### JACOB E. SHINDEL.

Every community has its representative citizens—men who perhaps are not widely known beyond the borders of their own town but who in their respective communities are enterprising and progressive, contributing to the general improvement and upbuilding. Such a one was Jacob E. Shindel, deceased, of Augusta, and his death was deeply deplored by all who knew him. He was born in Lebanon, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1845, and remained at the place of his birth until about twenty-one years of age. His parents both died in the Keystone state. There the son acquired his education in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed throughout his active business career. The first work which he did in that line in the west was at Burlington, Iowa, and he afterward came to Augusta on the 20th of March, 1867, and here entered the employ of Winfield, Leach & Seems. Later he purchased a shop, which he con-

ducted on his own account, continuing in the business there until his death. He enjoyed a liberal patronage because of his excellent workmanship and his straight-forward business dealings. He was a man of untiring industry and perseverance and to these qualities were attributable the success which he enjoyed.

Mr. Shindel was married on Christmas day of 1869 to Miss Belle Nelson, a daughter of George and Julia (Robertson) Nelson. The father was born in Scotland and was for some time a sailor on the high seas but afterward came to America, where his first business position was that of clerk in a store in St. Louis, Missouri. Later he removed to Rushville, Illinois, where he engaged in merchandising, being connected with the dry goods store until five years prior to his death. He died at the age of seventy-three years, while his wife, who was a native of Lexington, Kentucky, passed away at the age of forty-five years. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shindel was blessed with six children. Elizabeth, who was born in Augusta, became the wife of Edwin Emcrett, of Galesburg, Illinois, and died at the age of twenty-six years. George, who learned the blacksmith's trade with his father, carried on the shop after his death until February, 1905, is now engaged in the nursery business. Della became the wife of Arthur Denny, a farmer of Schuyler county, Illinois, and died leaving two children, Roy and Esmond. Bruce is now teaching for the fourth year in Ambrose, Adams county, Illinois. Mary K. is the wife of L. M. Barrett, a shoe merchant of Kansas City, Missouri. Ross died in 1896, at the age of eleven



years. All of the children were born in Augusta.

In his political views Mr. Shindel was an earnest republican and was honored by his fellow townsmen with several public offices. For several terms he was a member of the town council and was twice its president: He was first elected to the board of trustees in 1884 and again in 1890 and was president in 1891-92 and once more in 1898-99. He labored earnestly for the welfare of the village and exercised his official prerogatives in support of various measures which he deemed would prove of public benefit. He held membership with the Masonic fraternity and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was also a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. He purchased for his family a substantial frame dwelling, which his widow now occupies, and there his death occurred January 14, 1901, when he was in his fifty-sixth year. He was a man who easily made friends and who retained their high regard by reason of an upright life, genial manner, affable spirit and kindly disposition. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the county and as he enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

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#### JOHN HENRY BAINTER.

John Henry Bainter, owning and operating a valuable tract of land constituting one hundred and sixty acres, sit-

uated on section 14, La Harpe township, is a native son of this township, his natal day being November 23, 1863. His grandparents, George and Lucy Bainter, were natives of Ohio, and it was their son, Thomas J., who is the father of our subject. He was born in Muskingum county, of the Buckeye state and after coming to Illinois was here married to Miss Elmira Gray, on the 5th of August, 1857, she having accompanied her father, David Gray, to this state. Her mother had departed this life in Ohio, previous to the removal of the family to Illinois, while the father died in 1863, while serving his country in the Civil war. Following his marriage Thomas J. Bainter began farming on rented land near La Harpe, and lived on different farms in this locality until March, 1894, at which time he purchased a house and two lots in the village of La Harpe, where he yet makes his home but his wife was called to her final rest, June 26, 1900. In the family are four children: Ronaldo M., residing in Story county, Iowa; Ella, the wife of George Carter, a resident farmer of Dallas, Illinois; John Henry, of this review; and Jennie, now the widow of Charles Anderson, and a resident of La Harpe. John Henry Bainter was reared to the occupation of farming and attended the district schools near his father's home for only a short period, his advantages in that direction being very meager, for his services were needed on the home farm. He has, however, through reading and investigation added largely to his fund of knowledge and is now a well-read man. He remained under the parental roof, assisting in the work

of the fields until he attained his majority, when, on the 4th of February, 1885, he was united in marriage to Miss Malinda Bolton. She was born June 7, 1864, at Terre Haute, Henderson county, this state, and pursued her early education in the district schools near her father's home, and later attended St. Mary's Academy at Nauvoo. She is a daughter of William and Sarah (Neighbors) Bolton, natives of Hardin county, Kentucky, the former a son of William and Ann (Mudd) Bolton, natives of England and Kentucky, respectively, while the maternal grandparents bore the names of William and Malinda (Cash) Neighbors, of whom the former was born in Virginia, and the latter in Maryland. The parents of Mrs. Bainter were reared and married in the Blue Grass state, and after a few years there spent the father made an overland trip to Henderson county, this state, the journey being made in 1859. He was soon joined by his wife and two children, he having purchased land in that county, on which the family took up their abode. The mother there passed away June 6, 1878, while the father survived until February 6, 1891. In the family of this worthy couple were born eight children, five daughters and three sons, namely: James W., a resident of Texas; Annie E., who became the wife of Joseph Dunham, and passed away at her home in Canton, Illinois, in 1904; Lafayette, likewise a resident of Canton; Malinda, now Mrs. Bolton; Mary, the wife of Charles Giesecker, a resident of Terre Haute, Illinois; Clara, the wife of Oliver Livingston, a resident of Canton; Rosa, who became the wife of George Rogers, and passed

away at the home of Mrs. Bainter in 1900; and Raymond, a resident of Canton.

Following the marriage of our subject and his wife they took up their abode upon a rented farm in Henderson county, where they continued their residence during the succeeding six years, and on the expiration of that period, having accumulated a handsome competence owing to his careful management, Mr. Bainter was then enabled to purchase land, coming into possession of one hundred and sixty acres in Terre Haute township, that county, but he later disposed of that tract and removed to this county, where he invested in another tract of one hundred and sixty acres situated on section 14, La Harpe township. This land was improved when he took possession but since taking up his residence here he has added many accessories and conveniences, has fenced the place with woven wire fencing, has tiled some of the land and has built an addition to the house, so that today his is one of the well-kept and productive farm properties of this community. He is engaged in general farming, following only the most practical and progressive methods in the management of his business interests, and his farm shows every evidence of the thrift and enterprise of the owner. In addition to his other work, Mr. Bainter also engages to some extent in stock-raising, having Norman horses, shorthorn cattle, and Poland China hogs upon his farm, and he finds this an important and profitable branch of his business.

Unto our subject and his wife has been born an interesting little daughter, whose birth occurred August 5, 1896, and who bears the name of Ruby Eleanor. Mr.

Bainter's study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to give his support to the democratic party, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America at La Harpe. Mr. and Mrs. Bainter are well-known and highly respected residents of their locality, where they enjoy the hospitality of the best homes, and their many sterling traits of character have endeared them to many with whom they have been associated.

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#### ROBERT H. MIZNER.

Among the progressive farmers and stock-raisers of Hancock county who represent pioneer families of this portion of the state is numbered Robert H. Mizner, a native son of La Harpe township, his natal day being May 9, 1857. His maternal grandfather, Henry Spiker, located in this township about 1836, where he entered eighty acres of land situated on section 11. His wife bore the maiden name of Rachel Hucle, whose father was Joseph Hucle. The paternal grandparents were John and Mary (McGee) Mizner, and it was their son Henry who married Maria Spiker and who became the parents of our subject. The father was born in Maryland, while the mother's birth occurred in the state of Virginia. They located in Hancock county about 1854, coming here with their respective parents, and it was in this county that they met and married, the wedding being

celebrated May 15, 1856. Following their marriage they lived on rented farms until the spring of 1872, when the father purchased twenty acres of timber land on section 12, La Harpe township. This he cleared and improved and carried on the work of general farming until his death, which occurred May 27, 1898, when he had reached the age of sixty-three years, his birth having occurred November 18, 1825. His widow still survives at the age of sixty-eight years, her birth having occurred April 28, 1838, and now makes her home with her son, Robert H. With them resides the grandmother of our subject, Mrs. Rachel Spiker, who has reached the very venerable age of ninety years, for her birth occurred October 25, 1816.

Robert H. Mizner is the eldest of two sons and two daughters, born of his father's family, the others being: Alfred H., a resident of Stronghurst, Illinois; James, the wife of R. J. Owsley, a resident of this township; and Rachel Lucinda, the wife of Clarence H. Ferris, likewise residing in La Harpe township.

Our subject pursued his studies in the district schools to the age of eighteen years, and during the periods of vacation assisted his father in the work of the farm, thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of agricultural pursuits, which in later life has enabled him to carry on business in a successful manner. When he attained his majority he purchased ten acres of land but later sold that to good advantage and invested in a tract of thirty acres, to which he has added from time to time as his financial resources have permitted until he is now

in possession of one hundred and fifteen acres of rich farming land located on section 12, La Harpe township. When this tract came into his possession it was all covered with timber and brush, but with characteristic energy he began the work of clearing his land, plowing the fields and planting his crops, until in due course of time he made it a productive property, from which he annually gathers rich crops. He also raises stock to some extent and this branch of his business is proving a good source of income to him. He has never married and remained with his father until his death and now furnishes a good home for his mother. In his political affiliation he is a democrat, giving stalwart support to the party, yet never active in the way of seeking office.

Mr. Mizner is a splendid type of the self-made man, for, early becoming imbued with a desire to possess land, he saved his earnings, which he invested in property, and as the years have passed he has prospered and has worked his way steadily upward until he is now classed with the substantial, prosperous and honored citizens of Hancock county.

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#### DWIGHT CLINTON CUTLER.

There are in every community quiet, retiring men who, nevertheless exert a strong and beneficial influence in public affairs and such a one was Dwight Clinton Cutler, who for many years was engaged in the drug business in Carthage. At his

death a feeling of deep regret spread throughout the community, for all who had been associated with him in business or social relations had learned to respect and honor him for his genuine worth and in a quiet and unostentatious way he exerted a strong influence by reason of the strength of his character and his fidelity to high principles. He was born in Holland, New York, February 13, 1848, a son of Albert and Pamela (Hill) Cutler, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. They left Buffalo, New York, for Illinois, where they arrived at an early period in the development of Hancock county. The father was a wagon-maker, following that pursuit in Carthage in pioneer times. He is now living retired in the enjoyment of a rest which he has truly earned and richly deserves. He votes with the democracy and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church. In their family were five children, of whom two are now living: Howard, proprietor of Hotel Cutler, of Carthage; and De Loss, also residing in Carthage.

Dwight C. Cutler began his education in the public schools of his native state and after coming to Illinois attended the Aurora Seminary. He entered upon his business career as a clerk in a store in Buffalo, New York, and in 1869 returned to Carthage, where he purchased a drug store, which he conducted successfully for twenty-three years, or until 1891, when failing health compelled him to dispose of the store and he sold out to Mr. Cain. In his business life he was possessed of a spirit of enterprise, such as brooks no obstacles but overcomes all difficulties by

determined, honest and earnest effort. He had a well appointed establishment which was attractive in its neat and tasteful arrangement and which won a liberal patronage by reason of his straightforward business methods.

On the 8th day of July, 1875, Mr. Cutler was married to Miss Elizabeth Showers, a native of Winchester, Preble county, Ohio, born December 12, 1848, a daughter of Emanuel and Sarah Jane (Wilson) Showers. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, November 26, 1814, while the mother's birth occurred in 1820. Mr. Showers was a carpenter by trade and while living in Ohio also did business as a peddler. In 1852 with three other gentlemen he made an overland trip from Ohio to Carthage and selected a site for the original Presbyterian church of this city. The other gentlemen were Mr. Sweeney, who is deceased, and Mr. Swan, the first minister of the Presbyterian church, who resigned his charge in the east and preached in Carthage for twelve or fourteen years. Mr. Showers was elder in the church for many years, acted as Sunday-school superintendent and in fact all of the offices of the church and school with the exception of that of minister. His wife also belonged to the church and both took a very active and helpful part in its work, doing all in their power to promote the moral development of the community and to advance those interests which are beneficial to the race. Both have now passed away, their remains being interred in the old cemetery at Carthage. Mrs. Showers died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cutler, in 1888. Mr. Showers was a democrat in his polit-

ical views and served as town clerk in Carthage and also as sheriff and deputy sheriff. In the family were seven children. Mary is the widow of John Spangler and resides at Long Beach, California. Her husband served as a soldier in the Civil war. He was at one time a druggist of Carthage and was also superintendent of schools. He occupied a position in Joliet prison, while his wife was matron there for three years and he died in Joliet. Sidney, the second member of the Showers family, is deceased. Elizabeth became Mrs. Cutler. Edgar, who married Miss Fannie Baker, resides in Chicago and is proprietor of a dry goods store, in which he sells on the installment plan. Willie and the other members of the family have also passed away.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cutler were born four children. Elsie is the wife of William Borz, of Carthage, and has two children, Albert Byron and Mary Elizabeth. Homer Cutler, of Chicago, married Grace Metcalf and their daughter Catherine is a stenographer in Chicago in what is the largest building in the world. Clyde Cutler is in the undertaking business in Chicago. Edgar Dwight is a high school student in Carthage. The husband and father died July 8, 1894, and his remains were interred in the Carthage cemetery. He held membership with the Masonic fraternity, with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen camp and his political support was given to the democracy but he never sought or desired office. In manner he was quiet and retiring, he was careful in all of his business interests, systematic

and methodical and at all times thoroughly trustworthy. While he never sought to figure prominently in public life himself he was nevertheless an enterprising citizen who gave of his time and means for the town's progress. He possessed a warm heart, a kindly disposition, a genial manner and was prepossessing in appearance. When his health failed he traveled through the west in the hope of being benefited by a change of climate but this proved unavailing. In his family he was a devoted husband and father and was likewise a kind neighbor. In him were embodied many virtues—virtues to which the splendid civilization of America is indebted for its wonderful development and its glorious progress.

Mrs. Cutler and her son Clyde now reside at the corner of Adams and Walnut streets in a very comfortable home, which her husband purchased twenty-five years ago and which was erected about sixty-five years ago. The property then covered a half block, or six lots, and Mrs. Cutler still retains one lot and the house, in which her daughter, Mrs. Borz, lives in addition to the home property. She also owns a store building on Main street which is now occupied by the Boscoe Grocery Company. The son was a student in the high school at Carthage and is a graduate of Carthage College of the class of 1902. Mrs. Cutler is a very conscientious woman, possessed of innate culture, refinement and tact, who has displayed excellent qualifications in the management of her business interests and at the same time has those thorough womanly traits of character which render her prominent in social circles. She is a devoted mem-

ber of the Presbyterian church and also belongs to the Eastern Star, of which she is now matron. For long years she has resided in Carthage and the circle of her friends is an extensive one.

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#### HENRY CARNES.

Henry Carnes, a well-to-do and influential agriculturist of Hancock county, has been interested in the agricultural development of the rich farming lands of Illinois throughout his entire life. He is a native son of this state, his birth having occurred in Pike county, on the 4th of July, 1844. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (McCartney) Carnes, were natives of Ohio, and his grandfather, Reason Carnes, was likewise born in the Buckeye state. His parents were reared and married in their native state, after which they removed to Pike county, Illinois, where the father purchased forty acres of land, which he retained until 1858, when he removed with his family to McDonough county, where he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. Later he made his home in Iowa, where he owned and operated a farm, and on disposing of that property once more took up his abode in this state, coming to Hancock county. He purchased a farm of forty acres on section 12, La Harpe township, and added to this from time to time until he owned one hundred and sixty-seven and a half acres, which he improved and cultivated, making it a

valuable piece of property. He died on the farm in April, 1901, while his wife had passed away in Schuyler county, this state, in 1870.

Henry Carnes, whose name introduces this record, is the third in a family of three sons and two daughters, and is a self-educated man. At a very early age he took his place in the fields, assisting his father in the arduous task of clearing wild land and transforming it into cultivable fields. In those early days the farm machinery was very crude as compared with the modern implements used at the present time. He continued under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company D, Fifty-third Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into service at Quincy, and the command went at once to New York, where they embarked for Morehead, North Carolina, being seven days and nights on the water. He saw much arduous duty during his service, participating in many important engagements, including the battle at Raleigh, and from there the company marched to Washington, D. C., where Mr. Carnes took part in the grand review at the close of hostilities, and after being honorably discharged at Chicago, returned to his home, having made a most creditable military record.

Following his return home he resumed the occupation to which he had been reared, and in November, 1868, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ann Cass, a native of Ohio, who was born

November 12, 1854, a daughter of Samuel and Jenetta (Duboid) Cass, who located in Hancock county about 1855. In 1886 Mr. Carnes purchased the old home farm of his father, and has since added many modern and substantial improvements to the place. His fields are divided by woven wire fencing, and in 1890 he built a nice home. In addition to his farming operations, our subject is also engaged quite extensively in the raising of fruit and now owns a fine orchard, containing two hundred apple, one hundred peach, seventy-five pear and fifteen cherry trees, and he likewise raises small fruit and berries. In 1896 Mr. Carnes purchased one hundred and forty acres of land lying on section 13, La Harpe township. This he improved by the erection of a house and other substantial buildings and also set out a large orchard. For this tract he paid three thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars, and in 1904 he disposed of the property for seventy-eight hundred dollars, the place having more than doubled in value, owing to the many improvements which he had placed upon it.

Unto our subject and his wife have been born five sons and three daughters, of whom seven still survive: Melzer Adelbert, who died at the age of nearly two years; Jesse, a resident of Mount Union, Henry county, Iowa; Ernest, of La Harpe; Effie, now the wife of Thomas Scanlan, residing near Lacrosse, Illinois; Grover, who assists his father in the operation of the home place; Jenetta, the wife of Alvin Thompson, residing in this township; Mamie, the wife of Ward Melvin, of Dallas City; and John, who at the

age of fourteen years is yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Carnes is a republican in his political affiliation, and is identified with the Methodist Protestant church at La Harpe, while fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic, both at La Harpe. Having accompanied his parents to Illinois during his early youth, Mr. Carnes came here at a very early day, and during the long years of his residence in this section of the state has seen many changes as the work of development and progress has been carried steadily forward. He has killed many deer and wolves, for wild game of all kinds was plentiful in the early days. Taking his place in the fields almost as soon as he was old enough to reach the plow handles, he was early trained to the work of the farm, and has always continued in this line of activity. Having been deprived of educational privileges in his youth, much credit is due him for what he has accomplished in a business way, for he displays excellent ability in the management of his affairs and is today one of the wealthy and highly esteemed citizens of Hancock county.

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E. H. RAND.

E. H. Rand is a man of marked business enterprise, carefully and successfully conducting varied interests at the present time. He is a general merchant of Pontoosuc, is also carrying on an extensive

poultry business and likewise farms two hundred acres of valuable land. He was born in Denmark, Iowa, in 1842, a son of Thomas and Mary S. (Badger) Rand. The mother was born in Boston, and the father in Keene, New Hampshire. He became a clerk in Boston in early life, and in 1835 sought a home in the middle west, settling in Quincy, Illinois. Subsequently he became a farmer of Payson, Illinois, and he died in September, 1842, a short time prior to the birth of E. H. Rand of this review. He was then forty-two years of age, having been born in 1800. His wife, who was born in 1808, passed away in Chicago, in 1893, and her grave was made in Quincy, Illinois. In their family were five children, of whom four are now living: Thomas Henry, a resident of Boise City; Idaho; L. B., living in Kansas City, Missouri; Martha J., the widow of Fry Thompson, and a resident of California; and E. H., of this review. One daughter, Mary E., who was the third of the family, became the wife of James Noyes, of Kansas, and is deceased.

E. H. Rand acquired his education in the schools of Denmark, Quincy, Illinois, and Pontoosuc. He remained with his widowed mother until he had attained his majority, and when twenty-two years of age he married Miss Mary Louisa Harper, who was born in New York state in 1844, a daughter of Abraham and Mary S. Harper, the former a native of New Hampshire. Her father was a merchant and speculator and at a very early epoch in the history of Hancock county settled at La Harpe, whence he afterward removed to Pontoosuc, living there for forty



years. He died in Burlington, Iowa, about twenty-five years ago, while his wife died in that city in 1905. They were the parents of six children: Warren, who passed away in Burlington, where he had lived for a number of years; Carrie, the wife of L. B. Rand, a brother of our subject, residing in Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. E. H. Rand; Seymour, of Oklahoma; Lewis, of Kansas City; and Emma, the deceased wife of John Campbell.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rand began their domestic life in Pontoosuc, where for a number of years he was engaged in the lumber and grain trades. He afterward spent twenty years in Mississippi, being captain and pilot of various boats. He then began dealing in poultry, butter and eggs, and is still carrying on an extensive business in this line in connection with a general store at Pontoosuc, and also one at Fountain Green. In both his mercantile enterprises he has met with success and now has two well appointed general stores, carrying a large and carefully selected line of goods, for which he finds a ready sale. He has the principal market for butter and eggs in his part of the county, and in addition to his operations in that business he is also well known as a prosperous and enterprising farmer, owning and operating two hundred acres of rich land on sections 4 and 5, Pontoosuc township. He readily comprehends intricate business situations and finds a solution for difficult business problems, and his diligence and perseverance have constituted salient features in his prosperity.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rand have been

born eight children: Frank, who died in infancy; Addie B., who was born in 1867, and is the wife of Perry Sines, of Pontoosuc, by whom she has a daughter, Grace; Charles H., who was born in 1869, and is in business with his father in Pontoosuc, where he makes his home, having married Della M. Richardson, by whom he has one daughter, Leona G.; Pearl, who was born in 1871, and lives with her parents; Carrie, who was born in September, 1873, and is the wife of John Barker, of Pontoosuc township, by whom she has two sons, Howard and Carroll; Nellie, who was born in 1875, and is the wife of Claude Daily, of Pontoosuc, by whom she has one child, Osborne; Frederick, who was born in 1879, and was a soldier of the Spanish-American war, going to the Philippines, since which time he has occupied a responsible position as clerk in the office of the president of the Santa Fe Railroad, of Chicago, where he resides, having married Mabel Evans, by whom he has one son, Evans; and Harry S., who was born in 1885 and is living at home. Mrs. Rand is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Rand is a republican and has served as mayor of Pontoosuc for one or two terms, also as trustee of the village and as a member of the school board. He faithfully performs every duty incumbent upon him as a public-spirited citizen and is one of the most highly respected as well as most progressive residents of this part of the county. His life history reflects credit upon one of the pioneer families of this portion of the state, for his unabating energy and his industry that never flags have constituted the secret of his success,

while his straightforward dealing has gained for him the respect and confidence which are uniformly extended him.

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#### CHARLES E. CRUM.

Charles E. Crum, a resident farmer of La Harpe township, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, is a native son of this township, his natal day being August 1, 1879. He is a son of Charles P. and Salina (James) Crum, the former born in Arensville, Cass county, Illinois, April 11, 1853, while the mother's birth occurred in this township September 8, 1856. The paternal grandparents of our subject were James and Christina Crum, while the maternal grandparents were Andrew J. and Sydney (Pigman) James. The father of our subject went from his native county to Adrian, Michigan. It was while attending college there that he met his wife, and later they were married in this township. Following his marriage he carried on general agricultural pursuits in this township, owning considerable land both in Hancock and Henderson counties. For a time he was engaged in a mercantile enterprise at Disco, his partner being his brother-in-law, Evan James, but eventually disposed of his business interests in the village and once more engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, which continued to be his occupation until March 25, 1885, when he met his death in a railroad accident while on his way home from

Missouri. At one time Mr. Crum was engaged in teaching in Gittings Seminary at La Harpe, and he and his family were residing in this city where he was teaching at the time of his death. His widow continued her residence here until March, 1893, when she removed to the farm property, where she has since been located. In their family were born four sons and one daughter: Ray Ream, born April 8, 1877, is now engaged in the drug business at Sutherland, Iowa. He was married December 28, 1901, to Miss Belle Todd, of Des Moines, Iowa. James E. and Charles E., of this review, twins, were born August 1, 1879. The former was married October 30, 1905, to Miss Catherine Yager, a native of Durham township, this county, and their home is in Chicago. Mabel C., born December 7, 1881, is now the wife of E. R. McManiman, and resides at Galesburg. Virgil A., born March 30, 1884, is with his mother on the home farm.

During the time of his parents' residence in La Harpe, Charles E. Crum attended the public schools, and clerked in various stores in the city during his boyhood and youth, or until the removal of his mother to the farm after the death of his father. He then assisted in the operation of the fields and the raising of stock, and has here continued to the present time, being accounted one of the young and prosperous farmers of this community.

Choosing a companion and helpmate for life's journey, he was married September 25, 1901, to Miss Catherine C. Bradshaw, likewise a native of Hancock

county, where she pursued her early education, which was supplemented by a course of study in St. Mary's Academy, at Nauvoo. She is a daughter of George W. and Della (Manifold) Bradshaw, the former born in La Harpe, January 1, 1841, a son of Joel and Catherine (Dixon) Bradshaw, while the mother, who was born in Durham township, February 7, 1853, is a daughter of Benjamin Jasper and Cornelia (Hutton) Manifold, and it was here that their daughter Della gave her hand in marriage to George Bradshaw, on the 1st of January, 1880. Unto our subject and his wife have been born one son and two daughters: Charles Pierce, born September 20, 1902; Ruth Darlyn, born September 4, 1903; and Mabel Catherine, August 18, 1905.

Mr. Crum's study of the political questions and issues of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the Republican party, while in his fraternal relations he is identified with the Odd Fellows lodge, No. 688, and the Modern Woodmen camp, both at Disco. He and his wife are popular young people and have a host of warm friends, to whom they have become endeared by reason of their many traits of character.

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#### KINZY H. BOWEN.

Kinzy W. Bowen is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres on sections 8 and 9, Fountain Green township, all of which is under cultiva-

tion save about fifteen acres of timber land on the latter section. His home stands on section 8, and the entire farm presents a well-kept appearance. The owner was born in Terre Haute township, Henderson county, Illinois, October 21, 1866. His paternal grandparents were John and Pollie Bowen, natives of Virginia. They became early settlers of Terre Haute township, where John Bowen secured land by entering a claim from the government on the boundary line between Henderson and Hancock counties. He broke many acres of prairie in that vicinity, and added to his possessions until he had an entire section of prairie land, one-half in Terre Haute township and the remainder in Raritan township.

Thomas LaFayette Bowen, father of our subject, was born in Henderson county, and was married in Terre Haute, in 1862, to Miss Sarah D. Knowles, also a native of that county. Her parents, Philip and Martha Knowles, were of English descent. The former was a minister of the United Brethren church and was one of the early settlers of this part of the state. Thomas L. Bowen followed the occupation of farming as a life work and still resides on the old home place at the age of sixty-six years, but his wife died in January, 1902. Their children were: Warren, who is living in Yuma county, California; K. H., of this review; Dora, who died in 1881, at the age of twelve years and seven months; Allie, the wife of C. E. Harris, of Los Angeles, California.

Kinzy H. Bowen was educated in the district schools and made his home with

his parents until March 19, 1888—his wedding day. He married Anna M. Finch, who was born in Terre Haute township, December 20, 1870, a daughter of William and Ellen (Pennie) Finch, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively.

After his marriage Mr. Bowen lived upon a rented farm in Henderson county for a year and then removed to Blandinsville township, McDonough county, where he rented the John Mustain farm for six years. He afterward leased and operated the farm of C. H. Nelson in Henderson county, but after four years returned to McDonough county and purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Emmet township. He cultivated it for three years and then sold out, after which, in September, 1902, he purchased his present farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Hancock county, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and yields good crops save for a small tract of timber land of fifteen acres. One of the first improvements he made was putting up seven hundred rods of woven wire fence. He is extensively engaged in raising Poland China hogs, and for their shelter built a house sixty-four by sixteen feet. He has also built a large barn for horses and hay and a poultry house, thirty-two by fourteen feet. He has a granary, buggy and implement house and workshop on his place, together with a comfortable residence, and everything on the farm presents an attractive appearance, indicative of the care and supervision of the owner. In all that he does he is practical and therefore successful. He deals extensively in draft horses, keeping about fifteen head on his farm.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowen has been blessed with eight children: Guy Franklin, born August 8, 1889; Eula Millicent, July 2, 1891; Roy Glenn, September 10, 1892; Elive Esther, December 20, 1894; Leta May, May 14, 1896; Walter Jennings, May 26, 1897; Ralph William, who was born February 7, 1899, and died August 2, 1901; and Sarah Ellen, born August 2, 1901.

Mr. Bowen votes with the democracy and holds membership with the Modern Woodmen camp at Blandinsville. He has always lived in this part of the state, and since starting out in business on his own account he has worked persistently and energetically in order to provide a good home for his family. His laudable ambition has been crowned with success, and his enterprise and diligence have come off conqueror in the strife which confronts every man in the business world.

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#### ANTONE DAVIER.

Antone Davier, starting out in life for himself at the early age of twelve years, and realizing that labor is the foundation for honorable success, has worked his way steadily upward from a humble beginning until he is today in control of varied business interests in Hancock county. A native of St. Teene, France, his birth occurred September 21, 1856, and when only two years of age was brought by his parents, Antone and Frances Davier, to

America, the home being established at Nauvoo. After a time the parents removed to La Harpe, and the father then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a silk weaver. In 1865, while returning from Pennsylvania to his family in La Harpe, his death occurred on the train. His wife continued to reside in La Harpe until her death, which occurred in the spring of 1880. In the family were only two children, the sister of our subject being Mary Davier, who resides in Disco.

Antone Davier began work as a farm hand at the early age of twelve years, and was employed in that way during the summer months until he had reached the age of eighteen, while during the winter seasons he attended school. Having been trained to habits of industry and economy by saving his earnings he was enabled to start out upon an independent business career when eighteen years of age, by renting a farm belonging to James Gittings, which later became the property of I. W. Cassell, and on this farm Mr. Davier continued to reside for twenty years. Prospering in his undertakings he was then justified in making purchase of land, when, in 1898, he became the owner of one hundred and seventy-three acres, situated on section 7, La Harpe township. He there took up his abode and continued the work of general agricultural pursuits until 1904, when he leased his property and removed to Disco, where he bought the elevator formerly owned by T. W. Kimler, and he is now conducting a prosperous business, dealing in all kinds of grain and stock, thus furnishing a market for the local trade. He also deals in

both hard and soft coal, and this branch of his business is likewise proving a profitable source of revenue to him. In 1902, in company with T. G. Sights, Mr. Davier purchased the mercantile establishment owned by Charles Collins, in which our subject owns a half interest. Both are men of enterprise and carry a stock of general merchandise to meet the demands of the general public. In addition to the farm which he formerly occupied, Mr. Davier also owns an eighty-acre tract situated on section 5, La Harpe township, and a second eighty-acres tract situated on section 16, of the same township.

In his political views Mr. Davier is a republican but is not active in the work of the party for aside from his personal business interests he has little time for office holding. He has, however, served as road supervisor of his township. He can well be termed a self-made man, for, starting out in life at a very early age, without capital or assistance of any kind, he has gradually worked his way upward until he is today one of the leading factors in business and financial circles of Hancock county. He follows only the strictest business principles in the conduct of his varied interests, and is a man of genial disposition and pleasing manner.

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#### JOHN PITT.

Former years of prosperity now enables John Pitt to live retired in Nauvoo, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

Since 1885 he has made his home in this county, where he owns considerable valuable property. He has now passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey, his birth having occurred in Dymock, Gloucestershire, England, December 30, 1827. His paternal grandfather, Robert Pitt, married a Miss Hill, and their son Thomas, who became the father of our subject, was also a native of Gloucestershire. Having reached adult age he was married in his native country to Miss Charlotte Hadwick, whose birth occurred in Herfordshire, England. Ten children were born unto them ere they crossed the Atlantic to America. Mr. Pitt came to Nauvoo in the spring of 1841 with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Robert Pitt, who died during that summer. It was the intention of Thomas Pitt to make the voyage in the fall of 1841 but he was delayed by business complications until the spring of 1842.

John Pitt, whose name introduces this record, made the trip to the new world with friends, who sailed to New Orleans, from which town he proceeded up the Mississippi river to St. Louis, where he arrived after two weeks. This was in the fall of 1841. He soon made his way to Warsaw but it was some time before the party could secure wagons to bring them on to Nauvoo. After arriving at this place Mr. Pitt made his home with his mother and did tithing by working on the Nauvoo House, which is partially standing today. The Mormon temple had recently been begun and was completed to such an extent that services could be held therein. The father arrived in the spring of 1842 and purchased forty acres of land

on section 11, Sonora township, which at that time was wild prairie. He then hauled a load of lumber to the place, left it there and started for a second load. Upon his return, however, he was a long time locating the first load on account of the height of the prairie grass. With characteristic energy he began turning the sod and cultivating the fields, continuing the work of development and improvement throughout his remaining days. He there established a good home for his family and was identified with general agricultural pursuits in Sonora township up to the time of his demise, which occurred in 1887. His wife survived him for a number of years, passing away about 1898. There was one child born unto them after their arrival in this county.

John Pitt was the sixth in a family of five sons and six daughters. He pursued his education in the schools of his native country and after coming to America assisted in the work of the home farm until 1853, when he was married to Miss Mary Jane Chadsey, whose birth occurred in Vincennes, Indiana. She was a daughter of John Milton and Margaret (Mitchell) Chadsey, likewise natives of the Hoosier state. During the Mormon troubles her parents were allowed to remain, owing to the fact that Mr. Chadsey was a mechanic, although they had been ordered to depart.

Following his marriage Mr. Pitt bought thirty-four acres of land to which he kept adding from time to time until his possessions comprised five hundred acres, becoming one of the extensive landowners of the community. Subsequently

he deeded eighty acres to each of his four sons and he now owns about one hundred and sixty acres in different tracts in Rock Creek and Sonora townships. Most of the land was unimproved when it came into possession but in later years he purchased improved property. Indolence and idleness being utterly foreign to his nature he resolutely undertook the task of bringing his property under a high state of cultivation and in the course of years gathered good harvests, where had formerly been seen the native prairie grasses. He also erected a fine brick residence to replace the frame house that was destroyed by fire and this is now occupied by his son William, who purchased it from his father. Mr. Pitt carried on general farming continuously and successfully until 1885, when he removed to Nauvoo, where he now owns several houses and lots. He also has several business blocks in the city and his real estate interests return him a good income. He makes his home with his son Charles.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pitt have been born the following named: James Albert, who is living in Los Angeles, California; Lottie, the wife of Duncan Cummins, of Bardsdale, California; Mary, the wife of William Chadsey, of Los Angeles, California; William H., of Sonora township; John Franklin, superintendent of the oil wells at Tulsa, Indian Territory; Charles Robert, who is living in Nauvoo; Fred, who is in Rock Creek township, where he follows farming; Lillian, who became the wife of Frank Chadsey, and died in California about 1892; Eva, the wife of George Brown, of Los Angeles, California; and Mrs. Cora Sanders, who re-

sides upon a ranch near Los Angeles. Mr. Pitt and his family are connected with the church of the Latter Day Saints at Nauvoo. He is a republican and has served as school director, as constable and overseer. In the community where he has spent the greater part of his life he is known as a respected and worthy citizen who has lived at peace with his fellowmen and has been straightforward and honorable in his dealings. He has prospered, and an analyzation into his life record shows that his success has been the legitimate outcome of his earnest purpose and his unremitting industry.

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#### CECIL JOHN SHERMAN BAXTER.

The raising of grapes and the manufacture of wine are important industries of Nauvoo and the surrounding districts, being large sources of revenue for the residents of the town and locality. The land, a gentle slope toward the Mississippi, is especially adapted to grape culture, and no finer grapes can be produced in all the country than come from the vineyards of this section of the state.

Cecil John Sherman Baxter is among the number who are carrying on business as a vineyardist and manufacturer of wine. He was born in Nauvoo, February 16, 1861, and is a son of Emil and Annette (Powell) Baxter, the former born near Paris, France, and the latter in England. Further mention of them is made on another page of this work in

connection with the sketch of Emil Baxter. The father engaged in the raising of grapes and the manufacture of wine, and in his youth the subject of this review became familiar with the business in its various details and was admitted to a partnership with his father and brothers, Emil J. and Thomas, in 1882, under the firm style of E. Baxter's Sons. He had acquired his preliminary education in the schools of Nauvoo and had attended Carthage College for one term. He then entered business life as previously stated and the enterprise is still conducted under the firm style of E. Baxter & Sons. In connection with his brother Thomas he now owns ninety-six acres of land in the city of Nauvoo, which is devoted to the raising of grapes. After the father's death the business was continued by the three sons until 1902, when Emil J. sold his interest to Cecil and Thomas, who now conduct the business along modern scientific lines resulting in success. They make from ten to twenty thousand gallons of wine annually, and have a cellerage capacity of twenty thousand gallons. They are conducting an exclusively wholesale business and ship their output largely to the south, where, because of its excellent quality it finds a ready sale on the market.

On the 10th of May, 1883, Mr. Baxter was married to Miss Elenora Knithan, who was born in Nauvoo, and obtained her preliminary education in the public schools, while later she attended St. Mary's Convent. She also pursued the study of music in Burlington under Professor Richards and also under Professor W. H. Sherwood, spending several

years in that city. She also spent one summer at Bielefeld, Prussia, Germany, pursuing her musical education, and she has much more than ordinary talent in this direction. She is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Peters) Knithan, the former a native of Dortmund, Prussia, and the latter of Marietta, Ohio. Her grandfather Knithan was a prominent musician, and he with Paganini played before the Emperor of Prussia. Frederick Knithan came to the United States by way of South America, having spent a few years in touring the islands of Tierra del Fuego. In 1857 he settled at Nauvoo. While in Germany he had studied and become a practitioner of medicine and after locating in Hancock county engaged in practice for a number of years at Nauvoo. In 1870 he removed to Burlington, Iowa, where he practiced in partnership with Dr. Harvey, and continued an active representative of the medical fraternity of that city until 1898, when he retired from professional life and made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Baxter until his death, which occurred December 13, 1904.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have been born six children: Harriet Alta, born January 17, 1885; Salome Elizabeth, October 21, 1886; Cecil John, April 21, 1888; Fred Knithan, September 17, 1893; Anita Elenore, January 9, 1894; and Emil Oscar, September 6, 1895. The family home is one of the fine residences of Nauvoo. It was built of brick in the fall of 1900 and contains eleven rooms. It is lighted by acetylene gas and supplied with all modern conveniences and accessories. It stands in the midst of a beau-



tiful lawn, adorned with fine shade trees, and in addition to this property Mr. Baxter owns in connection with his two brothers three hundred and twenty acres of land in Hand county, South Dakota, also one hundred and sixty acres in Sherman county, Kansas, and one hundred and sixty acres in Lee county, Iowa, just outside the city limits of Fort Madison and it is his intention to plant this farm entirely to fruit, owing to the splendid adaptability of this section of the country for fruit culture. In seeking for the causes which have contributed to his success we find them not so much in their rarity as in their harmonious union and they may be briefly summed up by saying that he has the tastes of a scholar, the manners of a gentleman and the habits of a man of business—a combination of qualities that are bound to produce the best results. He is a republican but without aspiration for office, as his time is fully occupied by his constantly increasing business interests.

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DR. DAVID LOY TRESSLER, PH. D.

There are few men whose lives are crowned with the honor and respect which was uniformly accorded to Professor David Loy Tressler, but through many years' connection with the history of Carthage his was an unblemished character. With him advancement in life was reached through his sterling qualities of mind and a heart true to every manly principle. He never deviated from what his judgment

would indicate to be right and honorable between his fellowmen and himself; never swerved from the path of duty and constantly put forth earnest and effective effort to lift his fellowmen to a recognition and following of the high ideals which directed his own life. He was moreover a man of broad scholarly attainments and his intellectual and moral force made him a power for good not only in the educational institution with which he was so long connected but in Carthage, the county, and wherever he was known.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Tressler was born in the village of Loysville, February 15, 1839. His father died in 1859. The son was provided with liberal educational privileges, his father having been a noted educator of his day, with keen recognition of the value of thorough intellectual training as a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties. Dr. Tressler therefore prepared for college in Loysville Academy, an institution founded by his father. He subsequently entered Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg, from which he was graduated in 1860 with the valedictorian honors of his class and soon afterward he took charge of Loysville Academy, where he was engaged in teaching at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted for service in the Union army and was commissioned a captain of the One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain and others, often inspiring his men with his own courage, zeal and loyalty. He was twice wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg

and on the expiration of his term of service in 1864, he was tendered a colonelcy but thought best to decline the honor and returned to Pennsylvania, where he was again actively connected with educational work.

Dr. Tressler entered upon the active work of the ministry in 1870 at Lena, Illinois, and in 1872 was elected to a professorship in Carthage College, while in 1873 he was chosen the first president of the institution. In connection with the duties of this office he had charge of its financial affairs which gave him additional care and labor and he was likewise pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church of Carthage. He did much in building up both the church and the college and was deeply, earnestly and zealously interested in his chosen work, doing all in his power to plant the seeds of intellectual and moral culture and thus to lift man to a high standard of living with principles which work for the best character development. He responded readily and willingly to all calls which were made upon him in behalf of his fellowmen and it was one of these missions of helpfulness that he incurred the illness which terminated his life's labors when he was yet in the prime of life. He made a trip to West Point on horseback and becoming very fatigued he contracted a severe cold, resulting in pneumonia. He was unable to throw off the disease and passed away on the 20th of February, 1880. In early manhood Dr. Tressler was married to Miss Ada Josephine McIntire, also a native of Pennsylvania. She was a granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier and represented one of the old and prominent families of the

Keystone state. To her husband she was a very faithful companion and helpmate on life's journey, sharing with him in all his efforts to benefit mankind and inspiring him with her encouraging words and active co-operation. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Tressler were born five children. Mary Loretta is now the wife of Professor Cyrus B. Newcomer, of Carthage College, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Elizabeth Agnes is the wife of James Sumner Maloney, a resident of Polo, Illinois; Charles J. is an able lawyer, representing the firm of Swift & Company, of Chicago. The other members of the family are deceased.

Dr. Tressler possessed a rare combination of excellent qualities which admirably fitted him for the position which he filled. He was a man of indomitable energy, keen intellectuality, of ready tact and excellent business ability, all of which qualities are needed in the successful management of an educational institution. He possessed a kindly, generous and sympathetic nature and cheerful and optimistic disposition, being inclined always to look upon the bright side. He was also a man of ready and pleasing address, capable of easily adapting himself to all classes of people and making the humblest feel at ease in his presence. In his efforts and unflinching zeal for Carthage College and the advancement of the Christian kingdom he sacrificed his life and the church and college lost in his death one of the most efficient leaders and useful servants. His memory, however, is yet cherished by all who knew him and remains as a blessed benediction to all who were associated with him in his work or came under his

teaching. In the pulpit and on the lecture platform he was a fluent speaker, having his subject thoroughly in hand and addressing his audiences in the logical, convincing manner which never fails to leave a deep impress upon the minds of the hearers. He had but just entered upon his forty-second year when called to his final rest. The funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kuhl and Dr. Rhodes, of St. Louis, were largely attended by many ministers and friends outside of the city as well as by a large concourse of Carthagè people. No man in Hancock county was ever more respected or enjoyed more fully the confidence of the public or better deserved such respect and confidence. In his lifetime those who knew him, recognizing his worth, rejoiced in his advancement and in the honors to which he attained and since his death they have cherished his memory.

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#### F. H. C. NEWCOMB.

F. H. C. Newcomb, whose life has been devoted to general farming and stock-raising, was born in Colchester, Vermont, March 16, 1828, and has therefore reached the age of seventy-eight years, being one of the esteemed and venerable citizens of his part of Hancock county. His parents were P. P. and Sarah Ann (Munson) Newcomb. The father was born in Bardstown, Massachusetts, May 19, 1804, and in 1839 removed from Colchester, Vermont, to Rushville, Illi-

nois, while in 1836 he became a resident of Pulaski, Hancock county. When he arrived there he built a log cabin twelve by twelve feet, in which he lived until he erected the first frame house in the town. For miles around there was not another home but in the course of years the country became thickly settled and he continued to reside in Pulaski until his death, one of its most valued and prominent pioneers. He was reared to farm life and engaged in teaching school in both the east and in Illinois. He also worked at the carpenter's and joiner's trade in Pulaski as well as at cabinet-making and was thus early identified with the industrial interests of the town. After 1850 he turned his attention to merchandising and he also owned an interest in the bank at Dexter, at Newomb and at Augusta. He thus figured quite prominently in business circles and was thus closely associated with the commercial and industrial development of this part of the state. For six years he filled the office of justice of the peace, was postmaster for twenty-four years, school treasurer for twenty-three years and supervisor for four years, and his long continuance in these different offices is an indication of his capable service and of his fidelity. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party and his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, in which he served as steward and recorder. He married Miss Sarah Ann Munson, a daughter of Theodore and Lydia (Philbrook) Munson. Mrs. Munson was born in Dover, New Hampshire. She was poisoned from virus from the wounds of her son William, who was

mortally wounded at the battle of Franklin, and only lived for six days afterward, while Mrs. Munson passed away September 20, 1865, and now sleeps beside her patriot sons. Mr. Munson also passed away. Both were people of the highest respectability and genuine worth, esteemed for their many good qualities. They had a family of seven children: Abigail Parmeter, who is now the wife of William Reynolds; Francis; Henry Clay, of this review; Sarah Pherona, the wife of Dr. H. E. Elliott; Proctor Peter, who married Nancy Compton, and lives in Augusta, Illinois; Wilbur Fisk, who married Fannie W. Gordon; William Landon; and John Locke. The son Wilbur enlisted August 10, 1862, in Company C, Seventy-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry and at the assault at Vicksburg on the 22d of May, 1863, was mortally wounded in the head and died on the 31st of May. His remains were disinterred by his brother, Proctor P., and his brother-in-law, Dr. Elliott, and brought home, being laid to rest within sight of his birthplace. W. L. also enlisted at the same time of his brother and in the same regiment and was mortally wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. He was brought home January 6, 1865, and died on the 14th of the same month, so that his remains were interred by his brother's side in Augusta cemetery.

F. H. C. Newcomb was a very young lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Illinois. He was reared in Pulaski and acquired his education in the public schools. On the 21st of February, 1860, he married Miss Sarah Eliza

beth Gordon, who was born in the city of New York in 1839, a daughter of Edwin and Martha Ann Gordon, both natives of New York. The father was a farmer by occupation and settled in Adams county, Illinois, at an early day. In their family were ten children, of whom eight are living: William, now of Iowa; Anna, the wife of Rodman Foster, of Augusta; Fannie, the wife of Joe Smith, of Augusta; Neally, the widow of Samuel Fisher, of Augusta; Mahla, the widow of Frank Bacon, also a resident of Augusta; Charles and Ed, who are living in the same place; and Sarah E., now Mrs. Newcomb. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb has been blessed with six children: John Elliott, born March 29, 1861, is at home. Wilbur Fisk, born August 21, 1863, died September 16, 1864. Fannie, twin sister of Wilbur, died October 7, 1864. Sarah A., born January 6, 1865, is the wife of Morris Crain, of Washington, and they have one child, Helen. Susan, born November 30, 1866, is the wife of Frank Williams, of Pulaski, and they have five children, Grace, Lela, Roy, Carl, and Abbie. Martha, born December 29, 1871, is the wife of Fred Crain, living near Pulaski, and they have two children, Donald and Dorothy.

Mr. Newcomb is a republican and has served as tax collector. He is one of the early representatives of the Odd Fellows and Masons lodges in this locality and his wife is a member of the Methodist church. Their home is a farm of two hundred and forty acres on section 36, Augusta township, and their residence

was erected thereon in 1893. Mr. Newcomb has added to the property until he now owns five hundred and twenty-five acres in Augusta township, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has made all of the improvements upon the farm and it is now one of the attractive features of the landscape. He has carried on the general work of tilling the soil and has also engaged in stock-raising, formerly dealing quite extensively in horses. He never inherited a dollar in his life but is now comfortably situated, his land having increased in value owing to the rapid settlement of the county and also due to the many improvements he has placed upon it until he is now comfortably situated. There was no home between this place and Huntsville when his father arrived and there were no fences or other evidences to show that the work of civilization had been begun. The entire country-side was covered with the native prairie grasses and Mr. Newcomb has seen it developed from such a stage to its present advanced condition of improvement. He is thoroughly familiar with pioneer life and its experiences in this portion of the country and he relates many interesting incidents of the early days.

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T. A. HALLAM.

T. A. Hallam, who for almost a half century has resided in this section of Illinois, is one of the esteemed residents of

Pulaski—a man whom to know is to respect and honor. He has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey, and looking back over the past he finds little occasion for regret over lost opportunities. On the contrary his friends know him to be a man worthy of their confidence and regard because of the active, upright life he has lived. He was born in Allenton, Lincolnshire, England, in 1828, and is a son of Thomas Allen and Elizabeth (Bell) Hallam. The father was born in Eden, Lancastershire, England, and in that country was engaged in the clothing business. He spent his entire life in his native land as did his wife, who was born in Allenton, Lincolnshire. In their family were nine children.

T. A. Hallam was educated in the schools of his native country and remained upon the farm until eighteen years of age, when he left home and was employed in various ways in order to earn an honest living. He spent three years in France as a civil engineer, being for two years of that time in Paris, and then having carefully considered the matter of emigrating to America he became convinced that he would have better opportunities in the new world and accordingly made arrangements to seek a home beyond the Atlantic.

Before he sailed, however, Mr. Hallam was married in 1857 to Miss Anna Cook, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1832, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cook. Her father died when she was a child. He was foreman of a large estate in his native country and there reared his family of seven children but

only three are now living: Mrs. Hallam; Jabez; and Joseph, who has been connected with the public library at Quincy, Illinois, since its opening.

Immediately after his marriage Mr. Hallam and his bride sailed for the new world and came to Illinois. Since that time they have resided in Quincy, in Augusta, and in Nebraska, at different periods, and in 1881 Mr. Hallam purchased ten acres of land in Pulaski, where he now makes his home. For many years he was actively engaged in farming but has now retired from business cares and enjoys a well earned rest. He lived a life of activity and enterprise, and his well directed labors brought him a measure of success which is most creditable and gratifying and which now supplies him with all of the comforts and some of the luxuries of life. On becoming a naturalized American citizen he gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, of which he has ever been a stalwart advocate. He and his wife are now pleasantly located in Pulaski and in addition to their home here Mr. Hallam owns a house and lot in Augusta, which he rents. They are people who are esteemed by young and old, rich and poor, and claim many friends among the children, all of whom delight to visit at their home. They are both well read upon current topics and though Mr. Hallam has passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, in spirit and interests he seems yet in his prime. His ready adaptability and strong purpose enabled him to make steady advancement in business life after coming to the new world.

#### WILLIAM MILLER SPANGLER.

William Miller Spangler, one of the oldest pioneer settlers of Hancock county, now living in Carthage at the age of eighty-four years, has not only been a witness of many changes that have occurred in the city and county but has also been a participant in many events which have left their impress upon the annals of the county. His name is inseparably interwoven with the history of this part of the state and this volume would be incomplete without mention of him. His natal year was 1822 and the place of his birth Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. His father, Samuel Spangler, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1787, and on the 15th of October, 1812, was married to Miss Rebecca Trego, who was born in the same state April 27, 1788. The father was an expert mechanic and engaged in manufacturing wagons, plows and farm implements. He cast in his lot with the early settlers of Hancock county, Illinois, in 1838, and shared in the hardships and trials incident to frontier life. He served as a soldier of the war of 1812 and at all times was progressive and loyal in citizenship. He served as school director and was interested in the movements relating to the county's development and upbuilding. He died in Hancock township over thirty years ago and his wife had passed away a number of years previous, the remains being interred in Hancock township. In their family were nine children, Margaret Eleanor, Mary Matilda, Joseph Trego, Samuel Lewis, William Miller, Rebecca Skiles, Emeline Hannah, John Skiles and

Elizabeth Verdelia. Of this number John was a soldier of the Civil war, serving for three years. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Eighteenth Illinois Infantry.

William M. Spangler, the only surviving member of the family, was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania and at the age of sixteen years came to Hancock county, where he arrived to find a district that was but sparsely settled and in which the work of civilization and progress seemed scarcely begun. He can well remember the important incidents of the early days, including the troubles which arose over the settlement of the Mormons in this part of the state. He has a vivid recollection of the time when Joseph and Hiram Smith, the leaders of the Mormon church were killed. As the years went by he watched with interest the settlements that were made and the progress that was carried on as wild lands were converted into productive farms and as towns and cities were built, bringing with them all of the industrial and commercial interests of the older east. In his youth he aided in the arduous task of developing the new land at a time when one had to walk in the furrows after the plow and when much of the farm labor was done by hand. He continued with his parents until 1844, in which year he was married to Miss Emily Renshaw, a native of Sangamon county, Illinois, and a daughter of James and Nancy Renshaw, natives of North Carolina, the former born September 30, 1803, and the latter September 1, 1805. They were married June 17, 1824, and had a family of five children, all of whom have now passed

away. Sarah Emily, who became Mrs. Spangler, was born July 1, 1825, in Kentucky, and died July 20, 1899. Matilda Renshaw was born December 12, 1826. Martha Avalene, born October 22, 1828, died March 7, 1856. Elizabeth, born March 2, 1831, died September 27, 1854. Elijah, twin brother of Elizabeth, died May 16, 1831, aged two months and fourteen days. The father died May 22, 1885, and his wife at the age of eighty-six years. This aged couple were devout members of the Methodist church and were exceedingly active in religious work. Their home was for many years the place of entertainment for visiting preachers to their neighborhood and church services were frequently held in their house. They were kind and charitable people, giving freely to assist the poor and needy and doing much to help their fellowmen.

Following his marriage Mr. Spangler was given a farm in Fountain Green township, where he lived until 1856. This was government land entered by his father and on it a log cabin had been built. In this Mr. Spangler lived until a new house could be erected. Afterward he removed to Carthage, where he lived for a few years but in 1860 returned to Fountain Green township. Later he again located in Carthage, where he and his brother owned a dry goods store and for a time he also clerked for Jesse Williams, who conducted a store there. It was subsequent to this time that Mr. Spangler embarked in business on his own account. Later he engaged in dealing in wagons and subsequently his attention was again given to farming interests until 1886, since which time he has lived retired. In

1865 he purchased his present home, which he has occupied continuously. In his business career he has ever been found straightforward and honorable, treating all men in a fair and impartial manner and his business integrity and enterprise constitute the strong element in his success.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Spangler were born eight children, all born in Hancock county. Matilda, the eldest, born April 18, 1845, was married November 10, 1869, to William Henry and lives in Emmettsburg, Iowa. They had five children, namely: Claud M., of Redfield, South Dakota, who wedded L. Genevieve Shower and has a daughter, Claudia Maxine Henry; Frank Edmunds Henry, who is a Congregational preacher of Garner, Iowa, who wedded Anna Cameron and has one child, Glenn Cameron Henry; Mrs. Mabel Armstrong, who is living in Dakota and has one child; Glenn, who was the twin brother of Frank and died at the age of six months; and Lena. Evelyn Verdellia, the second daughter of Mr. Spangler, was born December 19, 1847, was married in 1896 to William C. Taylor and lives in Brown county, Kansas. Virginia Rebecca, now of Enderlin, North Dakota, born June 7, 1850, became the wife of William Cruff, who died October 23, 1904. They had been married in March, 1871, and had five children: James R.; William, who is married and has five children, his home being in Lucca, North Dakota; Arthur Cruff, who died in 1900; Frank Cruff, who is living with his parents; and Mary Cruff, deceased. Josephine Emily Spangler, the fourth member of the Spangler family, was born

April 24, 1853, and was married December 26, 1872, to Oliver Miller, their home being now in Beaconsfield, Ringgold county, Iowa. They have five living children: Madge, the wife of Dr. A. R. Mulcahy, of Beaconsfield, Iowa, by whom she has a son, Rex; Fred Miller, at home; Nellie, who married and lives in Beaconsfield; Coyle and Thomas, both at home. Mary Susan Spangler, the fifth member of the family, born January 29, 1857, is the wife of W. A. Symonds, of Carthage, to whom she was married November 26, 1878. She was one of the first graduates of the Carthage high school, completing her course there about thirty years ago. She has six children, Frederick W., Emily Clare, James Spangler, Raymond Hyde, Mary Evelyn and John Hawley. James Renshaw Spangler, the sixth member of the family, born May 20, 1861, died March 6, 1886. Nellie Skile Spangler, born April 11, 1863, has acted as her father's housekeeper since her mother's death.

Mr. Spangler is a prominent member of the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belonged. He is now its oldest member and for the past twenty-three years has served as one of its elders. He has always taken a very active part in church work and his wife was his associate in all his christian labors. She served as treasurer for many years of the Ladies' Missionary Society and their daughter Nellie is now secretary of the literature committee of the Missionary Society, in which capacity she has acted for several years and was also treasurer of the Christian Endeavor Society for ten years. Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Renshaw,



took several shares in a Bible tract society. Mrs. Spangler was a very active and earnest church worker, was a home loving woman and did everything in her power to promote the happiness of her husband and children. She and her son were laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage, while her memory remains as a blessed benediction to many who knew her and came within the influence of her noble character, her gentle spirit and Christian life. Mr. Spangler has always been a republican since the organization of the party and was tax collector of Hancock township but has never sought to become prominent in public affairs. His wife inherited some property from her father and by economy and industry Mr. Spangler has accumulated a competence. He is a well preserved man, possessing a retentive memory and few citizens of Hancock county have more intimate or accurate knowledge of the events which mark its history. He is highly respected in the city and county and his good qualities makes his example one well worthy of emulation.

Since the above was written Mr. Spangler passed away October 9, 1906, and was buried in Moss Ridge cemetery at Carthage, Illinois.

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### JOHN E. JOHNSTONE.

John E. Johnstone, deceased, was born near Belfast, Ireland, July 12, 1812, a son of Robert and Eliza (Mathews) Johnstone, and came to America with his par-

ents when only ten years of age. His parents located at Elkton, Maryland. The father was a contractor and builder of railways and followed this line of work as long as he was in active business life. The grandfather of our subject had been proprietor of extensive cotton mills in Ireland.

John E. Johnstone at the age of eighteen went to Baltimore and for a time was a clerk in a mercantile establishment, and later he engaged in a retail mercantile business for himself. He became acquainted with a prominent attorney, Beverly Johnson, who took a great liking for him and made him a member of his family, and throughout his young manhood, was a warm personal friend and adviser. Later John Johnstone went to Herculaneum, Missouri, and there engaged in business with a Dr. Johnson, later engaging in the mercantile business in St. Louis, for a short time.

In 1839 he came to Warsaw and established himself in the same line in this city. In the same year a Miss Catherine Baldwin, daughter of Epiphras Bull and Hebe (Brown) Baldwin, of Carthage, Illinois, came to Warsaw to visit an aunt, and while here all her girl friends were anxious to introduce her to the new merchant, Mr. Johnstone, from Baltimore. He was very popular, but little did his lady friends think they were introducing some one who would prove a successful rival. They were married at her home in Carthage December 15, 1840. They made their home in Warsaw and Mr. Johnstone continued in business for many years.

Of the nine children born unto them, five grew to years of maturity. Ann

Eliza, became the wife of Gen Oliver Edwards, whose sketch appears in this work; Emily Jeanette married Horace A. Scott, and departed this life at Osceola, Nebraska; James E. married Clara Black and died in Wichita, Kansas, leaving four children: Frances Ellen married Alonzo H. McGregor, and spent the last few years of her life and died in Warsaw; John Charles married Anna Kreipkie and lives in St. Louis.

John E. Johnstone was a whig and later, a very stanch republican. He took an active part in the Mormon war and received a commission from the governor of the state as quarter-master, during those troublous times. He retired from the mercantile business and served as post-master several years, being appointed by President Grant, and served until after Cleveland went into office. He became identified with the Presbyterian church and served as a trustee in that body. He was closely identified with the growth of Warsaw from its infancy doing all that came to his notice to aid in the progress and upbuilding of the community. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and took great interest in the work of that order. His death occurred August 5, 1887. His widow is still active at the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

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#### STEPHEN H. FERRIS.

Stephen H. Ferris, whose activity has largely touched the general interests of

city and of municipality, is well known in Carthage as cashier of the Hancock County National Bank, as a friend and promoter of Carthage College and as one of the factors of the Building and Loan Association, which has proven of value in the upbuilding of the city and also as a valued mayor. He was born here September 13, 1862, a son of H. G. Ferris, and in the public schools of Carthage he began his education, passing through successive grades until he became a high school student. Later he entered Carthage College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1882, while subsequently the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. He also attended Eastman's Business College, of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he was graduated, and soon after his return home he entered actively upon business life in connection with the Hancock County National Bank, becoming bookkeeper of the institution in January, 1884. He so continued until elected director on the 23d of July, 1884, and at the annual meeting held January 19, 1884, he was chosen assistant cashier. He also held the office of vice president from the 11th of January, 1898, until the 14th of January, 1902, when he was chosen cashier, in which capacity he has since served, and in connection with his brother, J. C. Ferris, he has the active management of the bank which is largely known throughout the county as the Ferris Bank.

A democrat in his political affiliation, Mr. Ferris has never been an aspirant for political honors and yet his fellow townsmen have called upon him to serve in some

positions of public trust. From May, 1903, until May, 1905, he was mayor of the city, being elected on the street paving issue. Mr. Ferris was in favor of permanent improvements and under his administration the first real work in street paving was done, including the laying of the pavement around the public square and to the depot, at an outlay of between thirty and forty thousand dollars. His fellow citizens recognizing his stand in support of improvements of this character, he was nominated for the office and accepted it in order that he might put into practice his views regarding municipal improvements. He placed the affairs of the city upon a strictly business basis and while working for an economical administration he also labored effectively for progress. While not an active politician he has always been interested in anything for the public benefit and his labors have been of far-reaching importance. He has been one of the active members in school affairs, has served as a member of the school board from April, 1897, and during this time labored effectively and successfully for the erection of the high school building. He believes in the employment of competent teachers and the utilization of advanced ideas in regard to public education and this has been manifest in many tangible results. He has likewise been treasurer of Carthage College since 1884 and is still acting in that capacity. He was largely instrumental in organizing the Carthage Building and Loan Association in 1885, in which movement he was associated with W. H. Davidson, who did the first preliminary work in bringing matters about. At the

first meeting the following officers were elected: A. W. O'Harra, Thomas F. Dunn, Edward Cherrill, E. C. Quimby, W. C. Hooker, M. P. Berry, George W. Payne, Frank Halbower and H. G. Ferris. Mr. Ferris was elected secretary and has since filled the position. Splendid success has attended the organization and a large local business has been conducted. Nineteen series have matured and the association has been the means of bringing about much substantial improvements and building in Carthage. His fraternal relations are with Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been master and he is also president of the Citizens Association. Wherever there is a public-spirited attempt to do away with misrule in municipal affairs he is to be found working with the leaders of the movement and he furthermore knows how to utilize the practical methods at hand in working for the ideal.

Mr. Ferris was married to Miss Helen B. Durkes, of Warsaw, on the 28th of October, 1885, and they have become the parents of seven children, Dorothy L., Ellen D., Adelaide A., Stephen Hunt, Julia, Phoebe and John D. The family attend and support the Episcopal church, of which Mr. Ferris is a trustee and they occupy a fine home on Fayette street. The life record of him whose name introduces this review stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for in the city where his entire life has been passed Mr. Ferris is accorded leadership in recognition of a public spirit which places the general good before personal aggrandizement and which

labors unselfishly for the best interests of the community at large.

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### HIRAM G. FERRIS.

Hiram G. Ferris, coming to Hancock county when it contained a population of less than two hundred, engaged actively upon the work of upbuilding and progress and left the impress of his individuality upon many historic events and upon the material development of this portion of the state. He figured for a long period as one of the leading attorneys and later as a prominent banker of Carthage, and he aided in laying broad and deep the foundation for the present development, progress and prosperity of the city. His birth occurred near Howard, Steuben county, New York, May 13, 1822, his parents being Stephen G. and Emma (Beebe) Ferris. The first authentic information obtainable concerning the Ferris family in America shows that they were residents of Connecticut, living, however, not far from New York city, during an early period in the settlement of that part of the country. Representatives of the name participated in the Colonial wars and the war for independence.

Stephen Gano Ferris, grandfather of our subject, was born in Hillsdale, Columbia county, New York, in August, 1788, and was there reared. He afterward became a resident of North Norwich, Chenango county, New York, when it was

a frontier district, and there learned the tanner's and furrier's trade, which he followed until his father's removal to Yates county, New York, about 1810 or 1812. In the latter county Stephen G. Ferris devoted his time and energies to farming. On the 11th of August, 1814, the twenty-third anniversary of his birth, he was married to Miss Emma Beebe, a native of Chenango county, New York. He retained his residence in Yates county until 1820, when he removed to Howard, New York, where he resided until 1832, when, through the persuasion of his brother-in-law, Jabez A. Beebe, he made his way to Illinois. Mr. Beebe had come to this state and taken up his abode where Fountain Green now stands. Stephen G. Ferris purchased land in this state and with his family, consisting of wife and six children, started westward by way of the river route, proceeding down the Allegheny river to Pittsburg on a flatboat, it requiring nine weeks to make that trip. He then took passage on the steamer Niagara bound for St. Louis, where he arrived about the 1st of December. The lateness of the year made it almost impossible for him to get a flatboat to convey himself and family northward but they eventually reached Traders' Point, now Keokuk, Iowa, where they arrived about the 10th or 11th of December. The place at that time consisted of only three or four log cabins at the base of the hill. These were occupied by three or four traders and their families and there were about one hundred Indians camped in the neighborhood. There were no houses at Hamilton, and Fort Edwards, now Warsaw, contained

but one dwelling—the home of Abraham Smith. It cost Mr. Ferris sixteen dollars to have himself and family ferried across the river on the 13th of December, 1832. Accompanied by his son, John M. Ferris, he afterward walked to Horseback Grove, now Fountain Green, a distance of twenty-two miles. There he employed a man to go for his family and goods, the journey being made with a one-horse wagon and ox team, Fountain Green being reached on the 15th of December, 1832.

The brother-in-law, Mr. Beebe, and his family having arrived the year before had a comfortable double log house, which he shared with Mr. Ferris until spring. The latter then purchased one hundred and ten acres of land of Mr. Beebe, on which he erected a good, substantial pioneer residence. In 1833 he began opening up his farm and also built a small tannery but the latter enterprise was not a success on account of the lack of bark. He also built a sawmill but that did not prove a profitable venture and in 1836 he sold his farm.

On the 14th of September, 1860, his wife died at Fountain Green, and he afterward came to Carthage, where he made his home with his son, Hiram G. Ferris, residing there almost continuously until his death, which occurred, however, on the evening of November 29, 1876, while on a visit to his son, Dr. L. T. Ferris, at Fountain Green. He was then over eighty-eight years of age, and his grave was made by the side of his wife in Fountain Green cemetery. He was one of the early Baptists of the county and did much for that denomination, while in other ways he contributed to the substantial im-

provement and moral advancement of his community.

Hiram G. Ferris, whose name introduces this record, was a lad of about ten years when he came to this county. Here he was reared amid the wild scenes and environment of pioneer life, and shared with the family in the task of reclaiming a tract of wild land for the purposes of civilization. His early education was acquired in the public schools and he afterward entered Knox College, at Galesburg, where he completed the work of the junior year. Afterward in company with David D. Holton he made an overland trip to California in 1850, driving a team of horses. He first engaged in placer mining in northern California, following that pursuit for a year or two, after which he was appointed one of the commissioners who organized Siskiyou county. Later he was elected and served for two years as county clerk, which office then also embraced the duties of county register. At the same time General Colton was sheriff of the county, which at that time harbored many rough characters attracted by the opportunities of lawlessness upon the frontier. About that time a mob tried to rescue a member of their gang from jail but General Colton and Mr. Ferris kept them back with drawn revolvers.

After a number of years spent on the coast Hiram G. Ferris, in 1856, returned to Hancock county. Having previously read and studied law he made application to the supreme court of Illinois and was admitted to the bar. Not long afterward he formed a partnership with William C. Hooker, George Edmunds, Jr., under the firm name of Hooker, Ferris & Edmunds,

which relation was continued until 1873, when the partnership was dissolved. The firm of Ferris & Hooker then practiced until 1864, when Mr. Ferris became associated with Francis M. Corby and organized a banking institution under the firm name of Ferris & Corby. They were also interested in large real estate transactions, operating extensively in land and improved property. The bank was continued as a private institution until it was incorporated under the name of the Hancock County National Bank, on the 18th of May, 1865. At that time the firm of Ferris & Corby passed out of existence and the bank took its place with the following directors, who also had signed the application: Francis M. Corby, Hiram G. Ferris, Bryant T. Scofield, Andrew J. Griffith and Edward Cherrill. The board elected the following officers: H. G. Ferris, president; F. M. Corby, vice president; and Edward Cherrill, cashier. On the 16th of January, 1863, Mr. Corby retired and Dr. Griffith was elected vice president, retaining the office until his death in 1884, after which he was succeeded by David Mack. Mr. Ferris continued as president until his demise on the 20th of August, 1893. The first statement issued by the Hancock County National Bank in 1865 showed a business of about one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, and the last statement issued by this institution showed half a million. Its growth therefore has been steady and healthy and it is safe to say that in its forty years existence it has handled between twelve and fifteen million dollars of the people's money and not a cent has been lost by a depositor and not a mo-

ment has the bank closed its doors on account of financial stringencies which in that period temporarily embarrassed many very good banking institutions. The bank was first incorporated with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, which was afterward increased to seventy-five thousand dollars. Later, however, it was reduced again to fifty thousand dollars but recently has once more been raised to seventy-five thousand dollars. It is now the oldest banking institution in the county and was the first national bank in Carthage.

Mr. Ferris continued as president up to the time of his death and was also the owner of extensive real estate interests. The bank built a fine two-story brick structure on the corner of Main and Madison streets and occupy the ground floor. This was in 1871, and individually Mr. Ferris also had extensive realty holdings.

In his political views a stalwart democrat, Mr. Ferris was for a number of terms a member of the board of supervisors and for many years served on the school board, taking a great interest in the cause of public education in Carthage. He was also president of the town council and his aid and co-operation could be counted upon to further every progressive measure for the good of the community. He was always a stalwart advocate of the temperance cause and strongly opposed licensed saloons in Carthage. In fact he stood for all that promotes honorable, upright manhood. He was made a Mason in 1850 and later became a member of Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, serving as master for a number of terms. He was likewise a

member of the chapter and council and Almoner commandery, Knight Templar, at Augusta. While in California he served as senior grand deacon of the grand lodge of the state for one year.

On the 20th of August, 1857, Mr. Ferris was married to Miss Julia E. Holton, at Hill's Grove, McDonough county, a daughter of Isaac and Phoebe (Arnold) Holton. They became the parents of nine children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Junius C., now president of the Hancock County National Bank; Esther Maude, the wife of Frank H. Graves, one of the leading attorneys of Spokane, Washington; Stephen H., cashier of the Hancock County National Bank; Julia, the wife of L. P. Hobbs, of Oregon; Ellen, the wife of Ralph E. Scofield, an attorney-at-law, at Kansas City, Missouri; Phoebe, the wife of George W. Worcester, of Grand Forks, British Columbia; Hiram B., of Spokane, Washington; Joel E., of St. Louis, Missouri; and Harold G., of Chicago.

Mr. Ferris has left worthy successors in his sons, who are prominent business men of various localities. He was a typical citizen of pioneer times and kept in touch with the general progress as manifest in business development and in public thought and action. He was particularly active in the support of Carthage College, was for several years a member of its board of trustees, acted as treasurer for a time and was one of its staunch supporters, taking a most helpful interest in its welfare. No movement for the benefit of the city or county sought his aid in vain. He was also the president of the Masonic fraternal order for a num-

ber of years and while his attention was mainly given to his business interests, which became extensive and important, making him one of the prosperous residents of the community, he allowed the accumulation to in no wise affect his relations with those less fortunate and regarded his prosperity merely as a means to an end, delighting in the opportunities which it gave him for providing for his family and for assisting in matters of public moment. His name has thus become inseparably interwoven with the history of Carthage and Hancock county, where for more than sixty years he made his home, passing away August 20, 1893. His widow still occupies the old homestead, which he had greatly beautified as the years went by. It was one of the early fine homes of the city and is located at the southeast corner of Madison and Locust streets.

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#### JUNIUS C. FERRIS.

Junius C. Ferris, president of the Hancock County National Bank, and the eldest son of the late Hiram G. Ferris, pioneer, attorney and banker, whose enterprise was a dominant factor in the early development of the city, was born in Carthage, June 24, 1858. The public schools afforded him his preliminary educational advantages and he was graduated from Carthage College in 1878 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterward pursued a course in the School of Mines of

the Columbia College, of New York city, and was graduated as mining engineer in 1883. Returning to his home, he became associated with his father in the conduct of the Hancock County National Bank, and in 1887 was elected assistant cashier, while in 1894 he was chosen vice president and in 1898 was elected president of the institution. Prior to this time he had been a member of the board of directors and with his brother has had the active management of the bank since 1894. This is now one of the larger and more conservative financial institutions of the county and Mr. Ferris has devoted his time almost exclusively to its conduct. The charter of the bank was extended February 13, 1906, and the capital stock was raised to seventy-five thousand dollars, with the following officers in charge: Junius C. Ferris, president; Charles S. Dehart, vice president; and S. H. Ferris, cashier. These three gentlemen are also on the board of directors, together with David E. Mack and A. W. O'Harra. The deposits now amount to three million, five hundred thousand dollars. They do a strictly commercial business and also have a savings department in connection. The bank has had an unusually successful existence. It has stood firm in times of financial storm and a safe conservative policy was instituted at its foundation by H. G. Ferris and his partner, Mr. Corby. The same straightforward policy has ever been maintained and the business has been conducted along practical lines broadening the sphere of usefulness as the business has increased and modern conditions have demanded. Mr. Ferris of this review

was one of the incorporators of the Electric Light Company, which was established in 1888. He became one of its first directors and has been treasurer since its organization. This has been one of the successful public utility concerns.

On the 27th of June, 1899, Mr. Ferris was united in marriage to Miss Adelaïde Blaine, of Monmouth, Illinois, and they have one child, Mary B. The family attend and support the Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Ferris is a member. Mr. Ferris belongs to Hancock lodge, No. 20, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master and he belongs to Carthage chapter, No. 13, Royal Arch Masons, and formerly to Carthage council, No. 47, Royal and Select Masons, which, however, has surrendered its charter. He was at one time a member of Almoner commandery, Knights Templar, at Augusta, but has demitted. He votes with the democracy and was at one time a member of the city council but the honors of office have little attraction for him. However, he is a most public-spirited citizen, and the name of Ferris has been a potent one in connection with municipal improvement and development.

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HON. M. P. BERRY.

Hon. M. P. Berry is a recognized leader in all public affairs in Carthage and has been specially strong in his advocacy of those interests which are matters of civic



pride. He is well known as a lawyer, having for many years been a practitioner at the bar, while at this writing he is cashier of the Dime Savings Bank. Born in McDonough county, Illinois, May 25, 1853, he is a son of Lee and Martha (McConnell) Berry and a brother of Senator O. F. Berry, now representing this district in the upper house of the general assembly. His literary education was completed in Carthage College after leaving the public schools and for four years he engaged in teaching in Hancock county at Webster and Burnside. Following his preparation for the bar he practiced law with his brother, O. F. Berry, their professional interests being continuously in common until the retirement of M. P. Berry from the bar. The court records show the standing of the firm. In no profession is there a career more open to talent than in that of the law and in no field of endeavor is there demanded a more careful preparation, more thorough appreciation of the absolute ethics of life or of the underlying principles which form the basis of all human rights and privileges. Possessing the requisite qualities of the able lawyer, Mr. Berry steadily advanced until, leaving the ranks of the many, he stood among the successful few as a practitioner. Associated with his brother, he established the Dime Savings Bank of Carthage and has since been active in its management as the cashier, while his brother is serving as president.

In 1874, was celebrated the marriage of M. P. Berry and Miss Harriet Campbell, a native of McDonough county, Illinois, and a daughter of W. S. Campbell, D. D., who was a Cumberland Presby-

terian minister, spending many years in McDonough county, where his death occurred. His wife bore the maiden name of Virginia Kirkpatrick. Mr. and Mrs. Berry had one daughter, Leota R., who was born in Hancock county and later passed away. Mrs. Berry passed away in November, 1902, and mother and daughter were laid to rest in Moss Ridge cemetery. She possessed innate culture and refinement, which made her always thoughtful and considerate of others and she was a very active and helpful member in the church, holding all of the different offices in various societies with which she was connected. She was also deeply interested in the public library and was president of the Library Club at the time of her demise. Her influence was ever an elevating force, never aggressively exerted but always quietly and modestly put forth. Her many good deeds and commendable characteristics won her the love and esteem of all with whom she was brought in contact. In November, 1904, Mr. Berry wedded Miss Lillian Blackmore, who was born in Hamilton, Illinois, the only daughter of Mark and Fredericka Blackmore, both of whom are now deceased.

In politics Mr. Berry is a stalwart republican, who has made a close and discriminating study of the questions and issues of the day. He has several times been mayor of the city and for fifteen years has served on the school board, acting as a part of that time as its president. He was also a member of the Library Club for several years and it will thus be seen that his co-operation has been an active factor in many of the movements

which are of direct benefit to the city. He is a prominent Odd Fellow and has served as grandmaster of his lodge. He and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian church, in which he has filled all of the church offices and has frequently addressed audiences from the pulpit in the absence of a pastor. He is chairman of the devotional committee and has labored zealously and untiringly for the growth and the extension of its influence. His wife is a teacher in the Sunday-school and shares with him in all of his labors for the church and for benevolent and charitable interests. She is eligible to membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution and is a member of P. E. O., in which she has been vice president and president. In 1905, Mr. Berry built an elegant residence at No. 405 Cherry street at the corner of Marian street and he also owns much other valuable property in Carthage. Theirs is one of the beautiful homes of the city in its exterior adornments and interior furnishings, displaying an artistic taste that argues well for the culture of its possessors. Its hospitality, too, is one of its most attractive features and is cordially extended to their many friends. The consensus of public opinion is unanimous regarding Mr. Berry's worth as a citizen and business man. All acknowledge the indebtedness of the public to him for his co-operation in measures for the general good, his labors at all times being of a practical nature and at the same time of a character that makes steady advance toward high ideals in civic virtue, in the adornment of the city and in intellectual progress. He is justly accorded promi-

nence yet wears his honors with becoming modesty. Few residents of Carthage have done as much for mankind as has Mr. Berry but it would never be known were it left for him to tell.

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PROF. CYRUS B. NEWCOMER.

While the disposition to do honor to those who have served well their race or their nation is prevalent among all enlightened people and is of great value everywhere and under all forms of government, it is particularly appropriate to and to be fostered in this country, where no man is born to public office or to public honor, or comes to either by inheritance, but where all men are equal before the law, where the race for distinction is over the road of public usefulness and is open to every one who chooses to enter and where the advantageous circumstances of family or wealth count in the vast majority of cases for but little or naught. Under our system, whose very existence depends upon the virtue of the people themselves, those who have distinguished themselves in public service, whether in citizenship or in arms or in the path of civil usefulness, should not fail of recognition, and in this regard Professor Newcomer deserves mention, his life in its professional connections being of great value to his fellowmen. He is now principal of the normal department of Carthage College and since 1902 has been

professor of ancient languages in that institution.

A native son of Illinois, Professor Newcomer was born in Mount Morris, Ogle county, October 28, 1866, a son of Cyrus Barr and Elizabeth (Hause) Newcomer. The father was born September 2, 1829, in Greene county, Pennsylvania, and the mother's birth occurred in Chewsville, Washington county, Maryland, in February, 1835. He was a cooper by trade and for thirteen years he taught school, most of the time in Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1861, however, he came to Illinois, settling in Ogle county, where he engaged to some extent in teaching. Much of his life, however, in this state was devoted to farming and he remained a resident of Ogle county until his death. In politics he was earnest in his advocacy of republican principles but never sought office as a reward for party fealty. He lived a consistent Christian life and in early days was connected with the River Brethren, but afterward became a member of the Church of God. He died in Upper Alton, in 1896, his remains being interred in Mount Morris. His widow still survives him and now resides with her children, spending much of her time, however, in Upper Alton. There were eight children in the family: Daniel Hause, a farmer residing near Mount Morris; Samuel Martin, who resides at Polo, in Ogle county; William Tell, deceased; Barbara Ellen, the wife of Lewis Leak, of Polo; Cyrus B.; William Tell, the second of the family, also deceased; John David, of Mount Morris, Illinois; and Mary Almeda, the wife of Alvin Finney, of Forest, Illinois.

Professor Newcomer began his education in Coon Creek schoolhouse in his home district in Ogle county and afterward spent one year as a student in the public schools of Mount Morris, continuing his education in Mount Morris College, from which he was graduated in 1885. He then entered Carthage College and was graduated with the class of 1889, while later he matriculated in the State University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he won his Master's degree in 1895. He pursued two post-graduate courses of study in the Chicago University in 1899. During the interval between the attendance at Mount Morris College and Carthage College he taught school for a year, being a part of the time in the West Branch school and the remainder of the time in the Coon Creek school in Ogle county. After his graduation from Carthage College he went to Peabody, Kansas, where he was located for three years as principal of the high school, and in the fall of 1892 he entered the Michigan University. Early in the year 1895 he became principal of the high school of Belleville, Kansas, and it was in the same year that he received his Master's degree at Ann Arbor. In the fall of that year he was elected to a professorship in Carthage College and also made principal of the normal department in this institution, which is under the auspices of a general synod of the Lutheran church. In 1902 he was elected associate professor of ancient languages and still fills that position and in the summer months he frequently teaches privately. He is recognized as one of the strong and able educators of this part of the state

and during the eleven years of his connection with Carthage College has done much to advance its standard of proficiency and scholarship. Professor Newcomer finds an interesting and pleasant occupation in raising ginseng, called the gold miner from the fact that the root is somewhat the shape of a man. It is regarded as a panacea for many ills by the Chinese and when properly raised sells for ten or twelve dollars per pound and in China brings its weight in gold. Professor Newcomer has made a study of the plant for three years and is now devoting an entire lot to the raising of ginseng. He has purchased seed and hopes to have his first crop for sale in 1906. This plant requires shade like a forest and is very difficult to produce.

Professor Newcomer was married December 19, 1895, to Miss Mary Loretta Tressler, who was born in New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1867, and is a daughter of Professor David L. and Ada Josephine (McIntire) Tressler, who are mentioned on another page of this work. Mrs. Newcomer is a graduate of Carthage College and taught for one term at Chili, Hancock county, while for five years she was a teacher in the public schools of this city. She was also a competent stenographer in the law office of Scofield, O'Hara & Scofield in Carthage. She is connected with the Daughters of the American Revolution, being regent of the chapter in Carthage, being entitled to membership in this order from the fact that her maternal grandfather, John McIntire, was a soldier of the American army in the war for independence. She has in her possession a piece

of Revolutionary money which came to her from her grandfather McIntire and which is now worth four dollars. It was issued in 1774. She is a lady of superior intelligence and culture and of innate refinement.

Professor Newcomer is a republican in his political views. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the Trinity Lutheran church and he has served as deacon, as financial secretary in the council, as superintendent of the Sunday-school and director of the choir. He possesses a fine voice and also plays the cornet, having two superior instruments of that kind. In 1900 he built a beautiful modern residence on College avenue, having one of the finest homes in the city. It contains an extensive library and all the furnishings that go to make a beautiful and attractive home. Professor Newcomer is pleasant, genial and affable in manner, is popular with his students as well as with the general public and is splendidly qualified for the important position which he is occupying in educational circles of western Illinois. At this point it would be almost tautological to enter into any series of statements as showing him to be a man of broad intelligence and genuine public spirit, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review. Strong in his individuality he never lacks the courage of his convictions but there are as determining elements in this individuality a lively human sympathy and an abiding charity which, as taken in connection with the sterling integrity and honor of his character, have naturally gained for him the respect and good will of men.

## WILLIAM R. PHELPS.

William R. Phelps is living retired in Plymouth but for many years was actively associated with farming interests in Hancock county, and devoted his time and energies to the improvement of a good property, which he brought under a high state of cultivation. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, in 1830, a son of Elijah B. and Jane (Wright) Phelps, the former a native of New Milford, Connecticut, and the latter of Fishkill, Putnam county, New York. The father engaged in school teaching in early manhood and for fourteen years devoted his energies to the task of grinding scythes. He died in his native county in 1855, while his wife passed away January 1, 1866, and was buried near Burnside, Illinois, after making her home with her son William for some years prior to her death. In the family were fourteen children, of whom seven are now living: Eliza, the widow of Arthur McArthur, and a resident of Massachusetts; Charles, of Augusta, Illinois; Tamar, the wife of William Scott, who resides near Huntsville in Schuyler county, Illinois; Carrie, the wife of Joseph Bailey, living near Burnside, this state; and John, of California. Four sons of the family were soldiers of the Civil war. James and John were members of the Sixteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and the former was killed in battle, while the latter served throughout the period of hostilities. Chauncey and Robert both enlisted for service from Massachusetts.

William R. Phelps was educated in Dutchess county, New York, to the age of

fourteen years, when necessity demanded that he provide for his own support, and he began work as a farm hand, being employed upon various farms in that section of the country until twenty-four years of age. He then determined to seek a home in the middle west and on the 4th of December, 1854, arrived in Wisconsin. Soon afterward he made his way to Freeport, Illinois, and for three years he was engaged in peddling stoves for a Wisconsin firm. He then settled upon a rented farm near Huntsville, Illinois, where he lived for three years, after which he came to Hancock county and invested his savings in a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he also lived for three years. He then sold that property and purchased two hundred and forty acres on sections 5 and 8, Schuyler county, Illinois. He built thereon a residence and added many other substantial improvements, carrying on general farm work until about seventeen years ago, when he located in Plymouth, where he has since lived retired, building a pretty and attractive home on Sumner street. While on the farm he also engaged in stock-raising and both branches of his business proved a good source of revenue.

In 1863 occurred the marriage of Mr. Phelps and Miss Harriet Atkins, who was born in Schuyler county, Illinois, on a farm which Mr. Phelps still owns there. The year of her birth was 1839, and her parents were David and Asenath (Kent) Atkins, natives of Connecticut. The father, a carpenter and farmer, came to Illinois in 1844, and three of the brothers of Mrs. Phelps were in the Mormon war. Both Mr. and Mrs. Atkins died in Schuy-

ler county, where they were buried. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters but only two are now living, the elder daughter being Cornelia, the wife of George Fitch, a resident of Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have had three children, the eldest born in Hancock county and the other two in Schuyler county. Mary became the wife of Albert Walter and lived in Colchester, Illinois, where she died June 8, 1906, leaving three sons, Ralph, Elmer and Glenn. Fred W. married Lillie Wade, lives at Plymouth and has two children, Hattie and Leona. L. R. is living on his father's old farm, and married Miss Alice Warwick, who died in 1889, leaving two children, Harry, fifteen years of age, who is now with his father, and Eva, eleven years of age, who is living with her grandfather Phelps. For his second wife L. R. Phelps chose Vesta Cooper.

Politically a republican, Mr. Phelps has always kept well informed on the questions and issues of the day but has never sought or desired office. He belongs to the Congregational church and is a member of the finance committee, while in the various departments of church work he is interested.

From the age of fourteen years he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources and started out in life on his own account at a salary of five dollars per month, while the highest wage which he ever received for his farm labor was fifteen dollars per month. As the result of his energy and ambition, together with the assistance of his estimable wife, he has accumulated a goodly share of the comforts of life and in the evening of his days

is now enabled to live without recourse to further labor, occupying a pleasant and attractive home in Plymouth. He has passed the seventy-sixth milestone on life's journey and warm regard is extended to him by all with whom he has come in contact.

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#### JOHN M. OWEN.

John M. Owen, who is conducting a livery stable in Carthage on Wabash avenue and is also one of the "city fathers," serving at the present writing, in 1906, as alderman, was born in Chili township, this county, in 1852, his parents being Archibald and Elizabeth (Mustain) Owen, the former a native of Paris, Kentucky, and the latter of Virginia. The grandfather, John Stephen Owen, came to Illinois in 1832, at which time there was no city of Carthage and but few houses in the county. The Indians were far more numerous than the white settlers and wild deer roamed everywhere. The Owen family thus became closely associated with the pioneer development of the county and the name has ever stood as a synonym for progress and improvement as the years have gone by. The father, when eight years of age, came to Illinois with his parents who settled in Chili township, where he lived on a farm until 1867, when he was called to his final rest. He was a democrat in his political views and was honored with a number of township offices. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist church, in

which he served as trustee and elder. His wife died in 1879 and they were laid to rest in the old cemetery in Chili township. In their family were eight children: Nancy, now the wife of Charles B. Griffith, of Carthage, Illinois; Stephen Owen, who was drowned in 1872, when out fishing; John M.; Thomas, who is living in Iowa; Laura, the wife of William Williams, of Chili township; Elizabeth, the wife of Christopher Williams and a resident of Chili township; Loretta, the wife of James Conley, of West Point, Iowa; and Anna, of Chili township. Peter La Grande, a maternal uncle of our subject, served in the Revolutionary war.

John M. Owen was educated in the public schools of Chili township, after which he operated a farm there for some years. On selling that property he established a general store in Stillwell, Hancock county, which he conducted until 1899, when he disposed of his store and removed to Carthage, where for two years he was engaged in dealing in agricultural implements and farm machinery. In 1903, however, he turned his attention to the conduct of a livery barn and sales stable in connection with Homer C. Johnson and they now have an office and stable on Jefferson street, buying and selling horses all through the county and state.

In 1884 John M. Owen was married to Miss Wealthy M. Gay, who was born in Adams county, Illinois, a daughter of Vickson and Axie (Davis) Gay, the latter a native of the state of New York. The father came to Hancock county at an early day and followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1880. His wife passed away in 1887 and both were

buried in the Camp Point cemetery. Mr. Gay was a republican in his political views and allegiance and capably served in various township offices, to which he was called by the vote of his fellow townsmen, who recognized his worth and ability. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist church. He had three children by his first wife and two by his second wife and with the exception of one child of the second marriage all are yet living, these being Charles V., a banker at Camp Point, Illinois; Albert, of Camp Point, who is interested in a farm in Adams county, Illinois; Sophronia, the widow of Clayton McGill, of Bowen, this county; and Mrs. Owen. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Owen have been born two sons, both natives of Hancock county: Gay, who will graduate from the high school in 1907, at the age of eighteen years; and Archibald, who at the age of sixteen years is a high school student in Carthage. The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Owen is serving as trustee and in the church work they take an active and helpful part, being identified with its various societies and the plans which it has instituted for the uplifting of humanity. In his social relations Mr. Owen is an Odd Fellow, has passed all of the chairs of the lodge and is the honored treasurer of the Masonic lodge of Carthage. Prominent in local democratic circles he has held various positions of public trust, serving as collector, as a member of the school board and now as alderman from the first ward of Carthage. He and his family live at the corner of Wabash and Scofield streets, where he has purchased a pretty home and in

addition to this property he and his partner own a building ninety-five feet front, in which they carry on their livery business. He also has three hundred and twenty acres of farm land in Kansas and one hundred acres of farm land in Hancock county and his real estate interests are thus valuable. He is largely a self-made man and has been very active and energetic since he left school, his limited financial resources and his enterprise being the stimulus to a business career that has now been crowned with a gratifying measure of success. He is a large, portly man, of warm heart and kindly disposition and he is held in high esteem in Carthage, where he is now comfortably situated in life.

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#### SAMUEL RUSSEL.

Samuel Russel, deceased, was one of the substantial farmers and respected citizens of Hancock county. He was early left an orphan and had no inheritance but possessed an energetic nature and by upright living, careful management and the assistance of his good wife, was enabled to make steady progress in business, and at the time of his death gave to each of his children a good farm of eighty acres or more. He was born on the Emerald Isle in 1816, and when a lad of fourteen years came to America. Here he was bound out to a farmer who reared him, as his parents had both died on the Em-

erald Isle. He acquired a taste for house-building and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for many years. He afterward, however, concentrated his energies upon general farming, which he conducted in Bear Creek township for fifty years or more.

Mr. Russel was united in marriage to Miss Jemima A. Hickman, who was born in New Jersey in 1823. Daniel and Joseph Hickman, brothers of Mrs. Russel, were soldiers in the Civil war, entering the army from Illinois and remaining at the front throughout the period of hostilities. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Russel were born ten children, but only four are now living: James, a resident of Kansas; Nancy, the widow of Isaac A. O'Haver; Mary Jane, the wife of John O'Haver, a resident of Harmony township; and Joseph, who married Miss Belle Clampet, and has five children, three daughters and two sons. Their home is in Bear Creek township. The death of Mr. Russel occurred October 17, 1895, when he was about seventy-nine years of age, and he was laid to rest in Graham cemetery. He left a valuable farm as well as an untarnished name to his wife and children. He had started out in life empty-handed and was always dependent upon his own labors and business ability for the success he achieved. He worked persistently and earnestly year after year until he had gained a good start and was enabled to purchase a farm. He then devoted a half century to general agricultural pursuits and his work was attended with a gratifying measure of success. His name became an honored one and he well deserved the praise and confidence that were given him.



Mrs. Russel, though eighty-three years of age, is still very active and accomplishes a great deal. She is extremely neat in appearance and in all that she does is a most intelligent and interesting lady. She still owns ninety acres of good land in Bear Creek township, which she rents, while she makes her home with her children, now living with her daughter, Mrs. O'Haver.

This daughter, Nancy Russel, was born in St. Albans township, Hancock county, in 1855, and in 1879 gave her hand in marriage to Isaac A. O'Haver, who was born in Montrose, Iowa, in 1855. He was educated in Missouri, and in 1872 became a resident of Bear Creek township, Hancock county, Illinois, where he followed the occupation of farming. After coming to Illinois, Isaac A. O'Haver devoted his time and energies to general farming and stock-raising and had one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 27, Bear Creek township, where were to be seen good and substantial improvements. His political views accorded with democratic principles and he held several township offices. He and his wife were devoted and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to the support of which they contributed liberally. Mr. O'Haver died and was laid to rest in Graham cemetery. Of the six children born of this marriage five are now living, namely: Josie, who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of this county; Mary, the wife of Frank Swain, of Carthage, and the mother of two children, Merle and Leonore; Joseph, who is operating the home farm; James, who is associated with his brother Joseph in the

work; and Esther, now twelve years of age. The families of Russel and O'Haver have always commanded respect in this county and both Mr. Russel and Mr. O'Haver were business men of enterprise and integrity.

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#### JOSEPH YARNELL.

Joseph Yarnell, who passed away on the 8th of August, 1893, left behind a most creditable record because of a life of honesty and industry crowned with success and the esteem of his fellowmen. He was born in Uniontown, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1841, his parents being David and Margaret (Neal) Yarnell. The father was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, and represented an old family of the Keystone state. In 1850 he removed westward to Illinois, settling in St. Albans township, Hancock county. In the family were seven children, of whom four are living: William, who resides in Milan, Kansas, and was a soldier of the Civil war; Edward Louisa, the wife of James Lamont, living in the west; and Hattie, the wife of James Wirtz, of Colorado. The parents are now deceased and were laid to rest in Chili township.

Joseph Yarnell was a youth of eleven years when he came to Illinois with his parents. He was educated in the public schools and remained under the parental roof until 1861, when, at the age of twenty years he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the army. He

afterward re-enlisted as a member of Company B, Seventy-eighth Illinois Volunteers and was discharged in 1865 at the close of hostilities. He served with an engineer corps and was a most loyal defender of the Union cause. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned to his home and remained with his parents until he reached the age of thirty-one years, caring for the farm.

In 1872, however, Mr. Yarnell left home to establish a home of his own, being married in that year to Miss Mary E. Boeshenz, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, October 18, 1849, a daughter of Mathew and Magdalena (Yoerger) Boeshenz. The father was born in Germany, March 8, 1821, and the mother's birth occurred in France, July 14, 1827. Mr. Boeshenz came to America when fifteen years of age with his father, the family home being established in Ohio, whence he afterward removed to Peoria, Illinois, where he learned the blacksmith's trade. In 1854 he became a resident of Chili township, Hancock county; where he conducted the village smithy. In his family were twelve children but only three are now living: Mrs. Yarnell; Matilda, the wife of Charles Graham, a resident of St. Albans township; and Alfred, of Chili township. The parents were members of the Presbyterian church and in its work took an active interest, Mr. Boeshenz serving as superintendent of the Sunday-school. His political support was given to the Republican party. He died in 1874, while his wife passed away in 1873, and their graves were made in Chili cemetery.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs.

Yarnell purchased forty-nine acres of land on section 28, Chili township, and later he purchased the interest of the other heirs in his father's home property and erected thereon a nice residence, together with substantial barns and outbuildings, thus furnishing ample shelter for grain and stock. In his business interests he became very prosperous and was widely known as an able and successful farmer and stock-raiser. His political views were in accord with republican principles and he served as school director but otherwise neither sought nor held public office. In all his business transaction he was strictly fair and reliable and his advancement in the business world was due to his unflinching energy and laudable ambition.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Yarnell were born ten children: Margaret, who was formerly a teacher in Chili township, is now the wife of Mark Parsons, a farmer of that township. Mathew, who was also a teacher in the township, is now operating his mother's farm. Benjamin, who died in Chili township, married Margaret King and lives in Wenona, Illinois. Lena is a graduate of the Woman's College, at Jacksonville, Illinois, and now teaches in Auburn, this state. Lizzie was formerly a student in the high school in Bowen and is now teaching in that city. Jacob Henry, a graduate of the Bowen high school, is attending the State University, at Champaign, Illinois. Mary, who taught in Hancock county in 1906, is also a student in the university at Champaign. Bessie, Archibald and Joseph, are all at home.

Fraternally Mr. Yarnell was connected with the Grand Army of the Republic and

had the warm regard of his brethren of the post. He lived a life of business activity and enterprise, and although he started out on his own account a poor boy he worked his way upward and at the time of his demise was well-to-do. He was a man most highly respected, for in all life's relations he was honorable and upright. He thus left to his family the priceless heritage of an untarnished name. In his home he was a devoted husband and father and his neighbors found him a faithful friend and the community a valued citizen. Mrs. Yarnell is a member of the Methodist church and a most estimable lady. In addition to the home property she owns eighty acres adjoining this place, which is operated by her son and also thirty-six acres of timber land. Her children have all been carefully and liberally educated and all of the elder members of the family have taught in the public schools. She has every reason to be proud of her family of sons and daughters as they are a credit to her name.

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#### W. T. HUFF.

W. T. Huff, who is engaged in the livery business in Carthage, was born in Basco, Hancock county, in 1864, a son of J. E. and Rebecca (Bryant) Huff, the former born in 1837 and the latter in 1840. His grandfather, who came from North Carolina, settled on the first farm which was developed between Carthage and Basco, known as the old Huff place

and J. E. Huff has been an active farmer of Hancock county for many years and now conducts a livery and hotel business in Basco. The Huffs have always been advocates of the democracy but have never been aspirants for office and both Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huff are devoted members of the Methodist church. In their family were three sons: Lymon, who is living in Basco; Charles, who was telegraph operator at Golden, Illinois, for a number of years but is now deceased; and W. T.

In the public schools of Basco, W. T. Huff acquired his education, remaining upon the home farm with his father until the time of his marriage, on the 17th of February, 1887. The lady of his choice was Miss Florey Foster, who was born in Hancock county in 1869, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Foster. Her parents were natives of Ohio and came to this state at an early day. The father first engaged in teaching school at Plymouth, Illinois, and afterward settled upon a farm in Hancock county. Later he was a teacher in the high school of Canton, Missouri, for a number of years and after another period devoted to farming he retired from business life and removed to Basco. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army and became a general of the Illinois Volunteers. His political support is given to the Republican party and he is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, having passed all of the chairs in the local lodge, while frequently he is a delegate to the conventions of the organization. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist church and he has frequently

filled the pulpit in the absence of the regular pastor. In the Foster family were four children: Ida, the wife of Gilbert Kirkpatrick, who died fifteen years ago, while her death occurred eighteen years ago; Mrs. Huff; Belle, the wife of W. O. Fisher, of Basco, Illinois; and Roy, who died at the age of five years.

After his marriage Mr. Huff began his domestic life on a farm near Bentley, where he remained one year and then purchased a tract of land near Basco, where he followed farming for two years. He paid ten dollars per acre for that property, cleared the timber away and transformed the land into productive fields. Later he sold the property to good advantage and in 1890 removed to Carthage, where he established a livery business. For the last ten years he has been located on Main street. He has horses and carriages to rent and he also buys and sells horses. He is in fact conducting a general livery business and has been a representative of this line of activity for a longer period than any other liveryman of Carthage. He now has a good business, which has grown in extent until he derives therefrom a gratifying annual income.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huff have been born seven children, all of whom were born in Hancock county, namely: Vernon, deceased; Roy, who will graduate from the Carthage high school in the class of 1906; Jessie, Minnie and Leslie, all in school; Leona; and Harold.

Mr. Huff belongs to the Modern Woodmen camp and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church, to the support of which they have contributed liberally and in the work of which they

take an active and helpful part. In politics Mr. Huff is a democrat but has no desire for office. In connection with his father-in-law he owns the building in which he is now carrying on the livery business. He is an intelligent gentleman, and has a retentive memory and as his entire life has been passed in this county he is familiar with its history through more than four decades. He can well remember the tornado which occurred on the 3d of July, 1871. Although he was but seven years of age at the time. The storm came up about six o'clock in the afternoon, his father being away from home at the village at the time. His mother and two cousins were ironing on the east porch and his two brothers were plowing in the field. Seeing the approaching storm they came to the house to inform their mother and soon the wind was blowing a terrific gale. The barn was blown down and the family had barely gotten the doors and windows fastened when the roof was lifted off of the kitchen and the top taken off the stove. The mother at once emptied the teakettle of water in the stove to prevent fire. Then the family proceeded to the cellar, for in a few moments the whole house, a large two-story frame structure, was lifted entirely off the foundation and hurled to pieces, as were also twelve or fifteen other houses in the neighborhood, while the greater number of the young trees in the orchard were torn up by the roots, or broken up and piled in a heap in the cellar doorway. The members of the Huff family were unhurt, much to the joy of the husband and father on his return. Neighbors

nearby were killed, however, and members of other families were injured and Mr. Huff had to rebuild his home. W. T. Huff of this review has never had a dollar given him in his life. He started out in very limited financial circumstances but

by ambition, energy and upright dealing has succeeded in building up a good business and secured many of the comforts of life. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman and one highly respected in the community.



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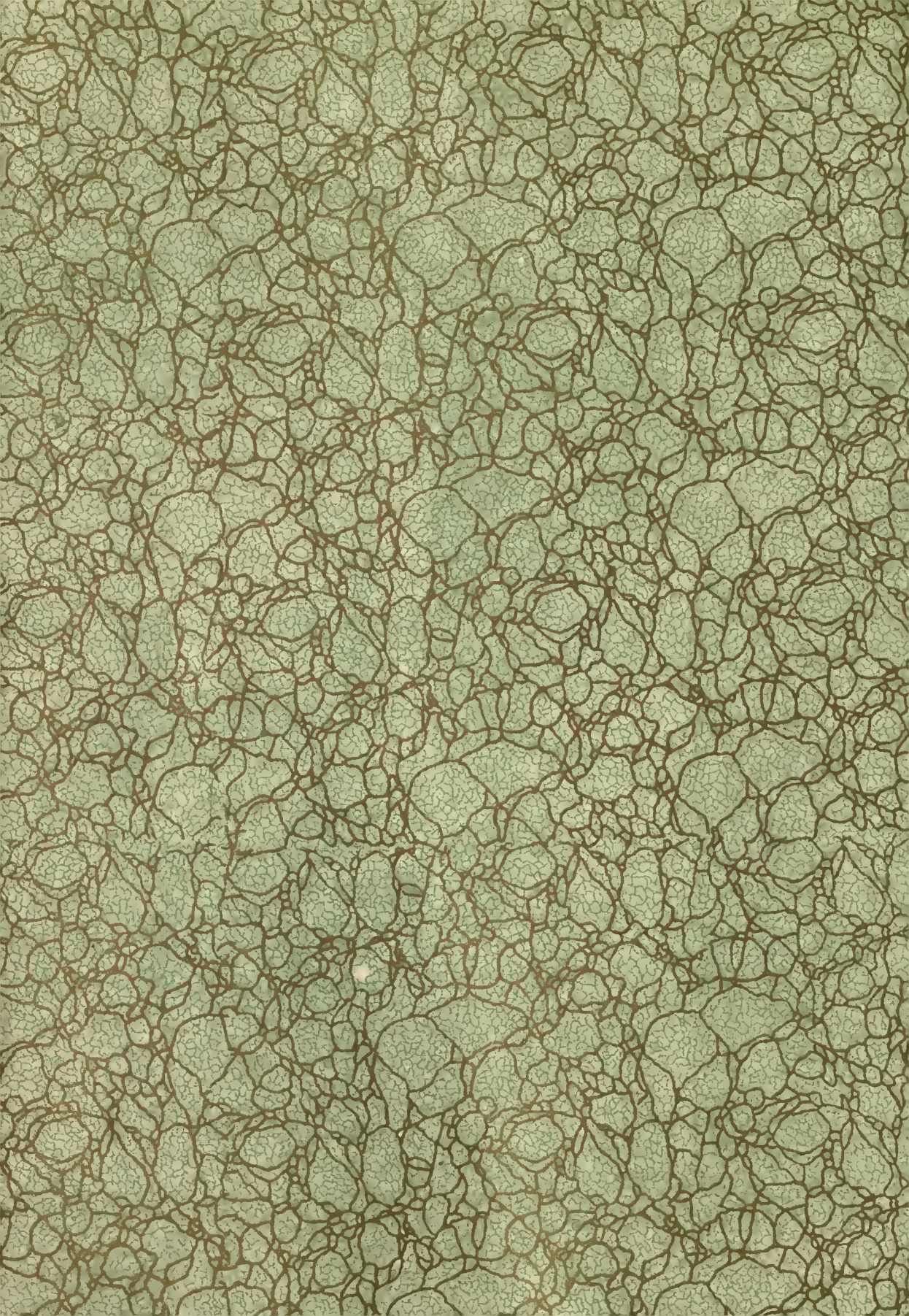






















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